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## City AIDS Rate Climbs as Care Capacity Stagnates

by Dave Gilden

A study issued last month by the San Francisco Department of Public Health predicts that the number of San Franciscans living with AIDS will increase by nearly 20 percent in the next five years. About 28,000 city residents

are infected at present with the AIDS-triggering human immunodeficiency virus. By 1997, 12,500 of them will have been diagnosed with AIDS and another 4,500 will be living with extreme immune deficiency, according to the report.

"The projections cannot be

understated: what took over 10 years to accumulate will more than double in the next five years," said Raymond Baxter, the health department's director. "We must begin planning now for the added stress this increase in cases will place on the city's public health system."

More than a third of all HIV care is provided by San Francisco General Hospital's AIDS clinic, Ward 86. The scene there resembles the rush hour traffic jams on nearby Highway 101.

"We're seeing volumes and volumes of people," said JB Molaghan, Ward 86's head

nurse. "We're handling 2,300 patient visits a month. That's a 38 percent increase in two years. We're trying to think of a creative way to handle the problem, but our big problem is space. We don't have room for any new staff even if we could hire them."

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### Vote Drive

Jean Weisinger (left) and author Alice Walker at the Third Wave voter registration rally Aug. 9 at Glide Memorial Church. Third Wave is a feminist group traveling the country to increase participation in politics. See story on page 4.

(Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

## AB 2601 Alive Despite Losing Two Supporters

by Marghe Covino

SACRAMENTO—In spite of at least two defections by legislators who promised to vote yes and heavy negative lobbying by Gov. Pete Wilson, the gay and lesbian right-to-work bill, AB 2601, is still alive.

The bill, authored by Assemblymember Terry Friedman, D-Sherman Oaks, has been stalled in the Senate Appropriations Committee for weeks pending settlement of the budget crisis.

Last week Sen. Ralph Dills, D-Gardena, a longtime supporter of gay rights, dis-

missed the committee's afternoon session and neglected to vote on the bill.

Dills' action forced Friedman to schedule a second vote for Aug. 10. However, before the committee met, Friedman received a telephone call from Sen. Robert Beverly, R-Manhattan Beach, another longtime gay rights supporter who had spoken in favor of the bill and who had voted for it the previous week. Beverly told Friedman that if he allowed the bill to come up for a vote Aug. 10, Beverly would vote against

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## Computer BBS Operator Charges Police Setup

By Karen Ocamb

LOS ANGELES — Every morning Mark Forston awakens to find himself living what he says feels like a hellish story by Kafka or Orwell — a story of a poor, trapped man who loudly shouts his innocence to a world too busy adjusting earplugs and guzzling caffeine to care.

Forston, a 49-year-old wall-paper hanger, has lost almost all of his friends, his standing in the community, his ability to get a job, and his health

First in a series.

since being charged with attempted child molestation, attempted use of a minor for an illicit purpose and the sodomy rape of a minor — all felony charges Forston vehemently denies.

Forston said that the charges against him sprang out of the gossip, homophobic, sometimes malicious soap opera subculture of computer junkies in Fresno, Calif. With the growing popularity of the multi-faceted computer bulletin board systems (BBS), Forston's case is being

watched by personal computer operators around the country. The outcome of the case may also result in new laws on an individual's right to privacy and whether a disclaimer prohibiting minors access to sexually explicit information is a sufficient warning.

### Like a TV Soap Opera

The story has all the makings of a made-for-television movie — if the accused wasn't a gay man. Last March, 42-year-old Fresno Police officer Frank Clark gained access to Forston's private membership gay, lesbian and bisexual bulletin board, Designer BBS. The bulletin board included restricted, sexually explicit programs among a variety of other programs such as games, electronic mail and computer information programs.

Forston claims that when Clark answered the background questionnaire required of all members, Clark gave his birth date as 1973. Clark charges that he told Forston that he was 15 years old and that knowing this, Forston gave Clark access to and sent him sexually explicit programs.



Mark Forston

Clark also charges that Forston arranged a "date" with him as the 15-year-old in order to have sex. Clark also alleges that Forston promised to videotape him.

Forston was arrested when he allegedly went to keep the "date."

Forston has an entirely different version of events. He claims his "ruination" is a deliberate conspiracy orchestrated by Clark, a Christian fundamentalist whom Forston

contents is trying to rid the city of homosexual "perverts."

In a video tape viewed by this reporter, Clark talks about Forston and the need for "spiritual warfare" against "Satan." On the tape, Clark also tells his Assembly of God audience that initially the police department did not want him to pursue the case, fearful that "Mark Forston and the homosexuals might sue us. They haven't yet," Clark

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## CUAV Funding Temporarily Restored

by Dennis Conkin

The District Attorney's office has decided to renew a contract for services with Community United Against Violence for a three-month probationary period.

The decision was made after a meeting between the agency and the District Attorney's office last week.

The contract for services will be reviewed in 90 days and a decision will be made whether to continue to fund the agency or put the services out to bid to another contractor.

The decision not to renew the agency's \$124,000 contract for services for an entire fiscal year was made after the agency failed to file three quarterly program and statistical reports despite repeated attempts by Donna Medley, head of the DA's Victim Witness Program, to obtain them.

The management snafu was revealed last week following the sudden resignation

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## Community News

### Gay Cop Recuperating After Suspect's Attack

by Dennis Conkin

A popular gay San Francisco police officer underwent emergency facial surgery on Aug. 9 after being injured during the arrest of a suspected crack cocaine dealer in the Mission District's Lucky Alley.

Mission Station Officer Ray Benson received an estimated 50 stitches to close the facial laceration suffered when he was slammed into the side of a house by the fleeing suspect.

Benson had responded to a early morning citizen complaint of a drug deal in progress at the site bordered by 25th and 26th streets near the Army Street Projects.

Police told the suspect, Jeffrey Helton, 31, to halt and that they wanted to talk to him but Helton attempted to flee. A patrol car pulling into the alley blocked Helton's egress onto 25th Street, according to SFPD Inspector

Don O'Connor.

Helton, who had attempted to escape by running along the tops of cars parked in the alley, began to run full bore at Benson, according to O'Connor, who was blocking his exit.

"Ray attempted to stop him and they collided. Helton threw a couple of punches as officers were trying to arrest him but he was violently resisting. During this time Ray was slammed into the wall of a house. Coming down the side of the wall was cable held in place by two brackets. Ray's faced was sliced up by the brackets. He was operated on but will have permanent scar tissue from the injury to his face," O'Connor said.

Helton was charged with aggravated assault, possession of crack cocaine, possession of a belt knife and violently resisting a police officer's attempt to perform his duties. He remains in custody at the Hall of Justice.



Ray Benson

Benson, who is recuperating at home from the attack, is the former lesbian and gay liaison to the Chief of Police and the legislative affairs officer of the San Francisco Police Officers Association. ▼

### BART Grants Benefits To Partners

by Rachel Timoner

The Bay Area Rapid Transit Board of Directors voted Aug. 6 to make BART the first transportation agency in the nation to offer domestic partner benefits to its lesbian and gay employees.

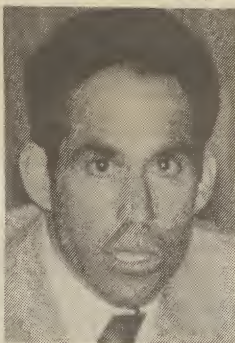
BART — a model transit authority in the United States and one of the largest in the country with 2,600 employees — will now pay for the full health benefits, including medical, dental, survivor and bereavement benefits, to all domestic partners of lesbian and gay employees.

The measure, which was proposed by Director Michael Bernick, passed in a cliffhanger five to four vote of the Board, as two directors agonized over their position on the issue until the very end of the debate. A measure sponsored by Board President Wilfred Ussery, which would have granted benefits to all domestic partners of employees, regardless of sexual orientation, was voted down, four to four with one abstention, just before the Bernick proposal was considered.

Bernick, union leaders, and lesbian and gay activists fought an uphill battle to get the measure approved. A similar proposal lost on a four to five vote of the Board in 1989.

"What made the difference this year was the participation of the unions and the participation of lesbian and gay activists throughout the Bay Area, particularly the Harvey Milk Club," Bernick said.

The work of the lesbian and gay organizers was evident at the hearing, as more than 60 lesbian and gay people attended to show their support of the measure. During the community input, 24 people spoke in favor of the measure, many of whom related personal anecdotes and spoke about issues of respect and fairness. Only one speaker, a representative of the Traditional Values Coalition,



Michael Bernick



Angie Fa

opposed the measure.

"Some people would cast this as a moral issue, and they are absolutely right. We are discussing an issue of fairness and the path that is most fair is not always the easiest," said San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan's representative Stacy Walters.

Katie Dwight, from the Harvey Milk Progressive Democratic Club, a club advocating for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender civil rights, ascribed the turnout to a mailing her committee sent to more than 400 supporters that was followed with phone calls.

"We felt that the Traditional Values Coalition was going to be very organized and were going to have a lot of people, and we wanted to balance it. I was shocked that they had only one representative. Maybe they've had so many losses that they're getting frustrated. They could have won this one. It was close," Dwight said.

Dwight and Bernick say that the victory was particularly difficult to achieve because the BART Board represents some conservative regions in the East Bay, and several of the directors who voted in favor of the measure, most notably Sue Hone and

Margaret Pryor, faced threats that they wouldn't be reelected if they did.

"I'm pleased and proud of Board members who stood up to a lot of pressure not to do the right thing," Bernick said.

"This is the first domestic partners issue that will be affecting voters in Contra Costa County, which includes Concord and Walnut Creek, so this hits the heartland of the Traditional Values Coalition-type people," Dwight said.

Domestic partner proponents say the bottom line is that lesbian and gay families at BART are finally getting the equal respect they deserve.

"The most important part of this victory is that state and federal governments are not responding effectively to the needs of the contemporary family, so private companies and agencies like BART are taking up the slack by responding to the needs of their employees," said Supervisor Harry Britt, the sponsor of San Francisco's domestic partner ordinance.

"This is a tremendous victory not only for lesbian and gay employees of BART. Now we intend to take it to other transit agencies around the country," Bernick said. ▼



## Medical Marijuana Debated as 'Brownie Mary' is Arraigned

by Rachel Timoner

As Brownie Mary faced her arraignment in a Santa Rosa court last week, supporters of the "marijuana nurse" and the legalization of medical marijuana were moving to action.

Mary Rathbun, the 70-year-old former waitress who bakes marijuana brownies for AIDS patients, was arrested in the act of baking by Sonoma County police July 21.

She was arraigned in Santa Rosa on Aug. 4 and plead not guilty to counts of possession of marijuana for sale and selling or transporting marijuana, charges that carry a prison sentence of up to five years.

A highlight of the arraignment was when the judge told Rathbun that the marijuana patches on her clothing

were not appropriate court attire. She countered that the patches fall within her First Amendment right to freedom of expression.

Meanwhile, that same morning, the City Services Committee of the Board of Supervisors held a hearing on the implementation of Proposition P, a measure passed by 80 percent of San Francisco voters in November that requires the city to recommend that the State of California and the California Medical Association restore marijuana to the list of available medicines for debilitating diseases. The CMA endorsed the use of medical marijuana in April.

At the hearing, Supervisor Terence Hallinan called on the mayor to implement Prop. P by making it city policy that those cultivating or

possessing marijuana for medical purposes will not be arrested or prosecuted. Hallinan also requested that San Francisco's lobbyist in Sacramento push for a state Medical Hemp Bill for the 1992-1993 legislative session.

The emotional hearing included testimony from doctors as well as patients with AIDS, cancer, glaucoma, multiple sclerosis and other illnesses.

"It's a humanitarian issue. It alleviates people's suffering. Being held up on 1930s concepts of marijuana and allowing people to continue to suffer is wrong," Hallinan told the Bay Area Reporter.

Hallinan added that he is now waiting for a position from the district attorney and the chief of police on the implementation of Prop. P in order to proceed. He said he ex-



Mary Rathbun at a rally in her honor Aug. 7 at City Hall.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

pects to have a positive response from both by the next City Services Committee hearings, on Aug. 18. If ap-

proved by committee, the measure will go to the full board the following Monday.

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## Fundies Attack Gay Flag

by Rachel Timoner

The fundamentalists have a lot of nerve.

The Christian Coalition, the same group badgering Bank of America and Wells Fargo for defunding the Boy Scouts, are now trying to force the San Francisco Public Library's Eureka Valley-Harvey Milk branch to take down its Rainbow Flag.

The fundamentalists say that if the Library Commission does not remove the flag, they will appeal to State Attorney General Dan Lundgren to file suit.

The flag has flown over the branch — which was dedicated to the memory of Harvey Milk in 1980 and houses a gay and lesbian collection — ever since it was donated by the Alexander Hamilton chapter of the American Legion in 1989.

"(The flag is a) divisive symbol that proves once again that gays are given more rights in San Francisco than anyone else," argues Christian Coalition member Josef Youmtoub.

According to Marsha Snyder, a representative of the community relations office of the San Francisco Public Library, over the past three years the library "may have had a handful of calls (about the flag)." But in the past week, her office has received at least five calls complaining about the flag, many of which "had a discriminatory tone."

"Apparently there's a group telling their members to call. I think it's definitely homophobic," said Milk branch manager Bill Stanton. "I'm not totally surprised. You expect this kind of thing to happen. But it's disappointing when it does."

Snyder said that the Li-

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## Community News

# STOP AIDS Survey Says Discussion Encourages Safe Sex

by Dennis Conkin

Gay men talking to each other in group discussions about safe sex practices and other issues related to AIDS reduces unsafe sex practices among local gay and bisexual men, according to a survey released last week.

The report, released by STOP AIDS Project, shows that gay and bisexual men who were having unsafe sex were able to stop having unsafe sex in the six months following their participation in the project, said Dan Wohlfeiler, director of education for the agency.

The Stop AIDS Project offers a one-time, four-hour long facilitated group discussion, held in a volunteer's home, that covers a variety of issues about safe sex practices and HIV infection—from condom demonstrations to AIDS anti-body testing to issues of coping with grief and loss.

The program uses more than 300 community volunteers to spread the safe sex

message.

According to the results of the survey, 60 percent of the gay and bisexual men who had unsafe sex before the discussion group reported that they had changed their behavior and were continuing to practice safe sex six months later.

The survey was of 243 men who responded to a 16-page follow-up questionnaire. More than 2,300 men have participated in the discussion groups.

"We're pretty ecstatic. It confirms that we are doing the right thing," Wohlfeiler told the Bay Area Reporter.

The program uses outreach volunteers to go to bars, dance venues and other entertainment venues and to the streets to talk to peers about AIDS prevention and to invite them to participate in one of the meetings.

The volunteers have seen over 10,000 people in street and club outreach. Just over half of the men have been under 30.

Approximately 22 percent are men of color. One third of the men have lived here less than two years. Three quarters have lived in San Francisco less than a decade.

There are a variety of factors that can lead to unsafe sex, Wohlfeiler told the Bay Area Reporter, including low self-esteem and alcohol and drug use.

Another factor can be hopelessness caused by living in a community devastated by the epidemic, he said.

"Guys put on condoms out of a feeling that they are going to survive, but what happens if survival itself becomes a very iffy issue and all the people that you thought you were going to grow old with are suddenly not there? The equation becomes less clear," he said.

"But, it's important for gay men to realize their community does have a future and that they can help make that future," he said. ▼

## Parade Committee Co-chairs Nominated

by Rachel Timoner

Ggreg Taylor and Marsha Levine have been nominated co-chairs of the Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade Committee.

Taylor, a 25-year-old club personality who decided to run for co-chair when he realized committee members had never heard of recording artists Deee-Lite, argues that he can give the committee a badly needed breath of fresh air, citing his ability to bring people together and his connections with and awareness of popular culture.

Taylor says he chose Levine as his running mate "to make a bridge between old and new," and describes his running mate as "pragmatic and experienced."

Levine has been involved in planning the parade since she moved here from Boston in 1985. Over the past seven



Parade co-chair nominees Marsha Levine (left) and Ggreg Taylor (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

years, she has served as the celebration co-chair, the float/march co-chair, the logistics chair for medical services and president of the board.

"I think that as a team Ggreg and I can bring vision and direction to the parade. The committee has been maintaining for a couple of years. I feel that it's not in touch with the community, and it needs to regain that touch. It's time for some growth," Levine said of her candidacy.

The two were nominated

at the Aug. 9 meeting of the committee. In order to vote for co-chair, people must attend three committee meetings, including the election. Of the 90 Taylor supporters who attended the July 12 meeting, 72 reappeared Aug. 9, giving Taylor and Levine a vast majority of eligible voting members.

And so far, no one else has been nominated to challenge the Taylor-Levine team. But nominations are possible up until the election on Sept. 13. ▼

## New Voters Ride Third Wave

by Rachel Timoner

Alice Walker, Susan Faludi and Anita Hill joined a crowd of more than 600 people at Glide Memorial Church on Aug. 9 to welcome 130 freedom riders to San Francisco.

The riders are part of the Third Wave, a new young feminist organization traveling on three buses across the country registering voters in an effort to boost grass roots participation in politics.

San Francisco was day

nine in the riders' 20-city, 23-day journey around the U.S. through which the group hopes to re-inspire young people, and particularly young women, to get involved in the political process.

"We don't have 20 years of experience, but we do have ideas and enthusiasm," Shannon Lyss, who co-founded the Third Wave with Rebecca Walker, Alice's daughter, said.

They've registered more than 12,000 people to vote so far, and say that number's

tiny compared to the registrations that will follow in their wake. And it's the personal contacts, the one-on-one conversations about the importance of voting, that supporters say is going to make the difference.

"You never know who you have touched or who you have moved. Sometimes it's necessary to think about the small picture, to think about one five-year-old child, one starving father, one broken mother," Alice Walker told

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Women's Action Coalition demonstrates at the American Bar Association Conference. (Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

## 500 Attend First WAC Meeting

by Rachel Timoner

More than 500 women gathered in the Southern Exposure Gallery of Project Artaud on Aug. 5 for the first meeting of Women's Action Coalition, or WAC, a new direct action group for women's rights.

Despite minimal publicity, hordes of women responded to the call for taking their anger about misogyny and oppression into the streets.

"I think it's time that feminists organize again like we did 20 years ago, using the experience of the last 20 years. The backlash against women is getting so vicious we have

to get more organized in our fight," said Constance Scott, a veteran union worker who joined the mob at the opening meeting.

"We are witness to the current economic, cultural and political pressures that limit women's lives and to the horrifying effect of these limitations," the group's mission statement reads. "We will exercise our full creative power to launch a visible and remarkable resistance. WAC is watching. We will take action."

The new organization is modeled after WAC/New York, which applies the tactics and style of ACT UP and

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## Police Confiscate Clean Needles

by Dennis Conkin

Three hundred clean syringes that were to be distributed to addicts by Alameda County Exchange were confiscated from AIDS activist Scott Halem and seven others on Aug. 8 by Oakland police.

Officers prevented the group from distributing the needles at the 16th and Wood West Oakland distribution site across from the Amtrack Station, according to Joey Trachina, director of the AIDS Prevention Action Network.

Three officers stopped the group from distributing the sterile syringes and warned the group they would return next week to confiscate more equipment if the group attempted to distribute again at the site. A rally in support of ACE will be held at the distribution site on Aug. 15 at 9:45 a.m., Trachina said.

ACE spokesperson Scott

Halem told the Bay Area Reporter that the group thought it had the support of Oakland city officials for the exchange but police told them they were under orders from a police captain to confiscate the needles.

"It's absolutely ridiculous," Halem said. "Oakland is the crime capital of the West Coast and four blocks away from the exchange site is the heaviest drug dealing area in the county and people are being shot to death all over. You'd think the police had better things to do than interfere with AIDS prevention workers."

"Alameda County is the only County in the Bay Area that doesn't have a public health professional as a health director. They have limited leadership which is unable to stand up to the public health ignorance of the Alameda County District Attorney's office," Trachina said. ▼

## ABA Votes to Include Gay Lawyers And Endorse Abortion Rights

by Rachel Timoner

The American Bar Association endorsed abortion rights and admitted a lesbian and gay lawyers association as an affiliate member during its national convention in San Francisco Aug. 5-12.

The 370,000 member national group voted to allow the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association to become an affiliate member organization, the most significant practical consequence of which is that the NLGLA will have voting membership in the ABA's House of Delegates. The measure required a two-thirds vote of both the General Assembly and the House of Delegates, and was passed easily through both bodies, with a vote of 314 to 123, or 71 percent approval, in the House.

At the group's 1991 convention, the NLGLA was approved for membership by the General Assembly, but did not get the necessary two-thirds vote in the House of Delegates.

"The House has always been viewed as the trickier hurdle," said Kevin James, a spokesperson for Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, which has been organizing diligently for the measure. "But this convention has a California accent, a slight bias toward California people being here — and those people tend to vote our way."

"The ABA 20 years ago was a very conservative, very white, very male organization. It's come a long way, but it's still a moderate, establishment organization," James said, explaining the significance of the approval of the lesbian and gay sub-group.

The General Assembly of the ABA also voted overwhelmingly to approve a measure opposing state or federal restrictions on a woman's right to choose an abortion before fetal viability and afterwards if the pregnancy threatens her life or health. And, after a two-hour debate on the subject, the House of Delegates, the 535 member decision-making body of the

national association, voted 276 to 168 to approve the measure, easily clearing the simple majority necessary for official adoption.

"The vote shows the ABA is relevant and accountable to the women of America," said Ann McGowan, the president of California Women Lawyers, a group organizing heavily for passage of the measure.

Approval of the pro-choice measure allows the ABA to lobby for the Freedom of Choice Act in Congress and file amicus briefs in the courts in defense of a woman's right to choose. A similar policy had been in effect before the group's 1990 convention in Chicago, when pro-life forces reversed the stand.

A resolution calling on all state governments to legislate that those selling or leasing property do not need to reveal the HIV status of the previous occupants was dropped from the convention agenda early in the week. ▼



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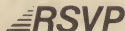
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### Support Health Textbook Framework

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Such important information could be included in high school classrooms under the proposed framework for health textbooks currently under consideration by the State Board of Education.

Proposed and diligently supported by Project 21, the new framework is nothing short of revolutionary. If adopted, it will make an incredible impact by opening the minds of the next generation of students of all orientations. Public hearings on the framework were held July 27 in Sacramento. As might be expected, the homophobes were on hand to cite their ignorant claims against enlightened education.

Project 21's Al Kielwasser eloquently explains the measures to institute these educational changes in our guest editorial. We agree with him and add only that anyone interested in convincing the State Board of Education to save our teenagers, rather than appease the hate-mongers, should call the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation at 861-4588.

### Save Our Rainbow Flag

The Christian Coalition is at it again. This time they've got their narrow sights set on the rainbow flag that flies over the San Francisco Public Library's Eureka Valley-Harvey Milk branch. It seems these "Christians" think the flag shouldn't fly over a public building because it represents the "special rights" that we lesbians and gays enjoy in San Francisco.

Perhaps they should tell that to the dozens of men and women who are bashed each month in this city because they are perceived to be queer, or the countless others who endure verbal slurs, or those of us who are refused public accommodations or who remain closeted out of fear of reprisals at work. We could tell them all that they don't need to worry: That striped flag flying over the library means we've got it easy.

That's not what our flag means. Yes, the rainbow flag reflects our power and pride. But our power is not easily won, by no means complete, even in San Francisco, and surely taken for granted by no gay or lesbian here or anywhere else. The claim that we get "special rights" is commonly used by the fundamentalists in their attempt to deny us even basic freedom from discrimination. It's a foolish argument that the library isn't buying. We hope the Christian Coalition's latest bleatings will die as the ridiculous publicity play it clearly is.

But if the "Christians" keep up their unwarranted drive to remove the rainbow flag, they're sure to find out from our reaction what pride that flag truly represents.

### BART Leads the Way

Bay Area Rapid Transit last week voted to grant benefits to the domestic partners of its gay and lesbian employees. We applaud them for the decision that places them in the esteemed company of Levi Strauss, which made the same move earlier this year. Its bold policy decisions like this that will lead employers across the country to recognize the equal rights of gays and lesbians. BART should be proud for taking this important step toward human rights for all.

Once again, though, critics are decrying this move as a bow to the "special rights" of gays and lesbians. Any heterosexual couple seeking such benefits need only get legally married. Until same sex couples are equally recognized in the workplace, such a measure is another step toward equal status.

Understandably, with so little else to fill their petty lives, conservatives are launching letter-writing protests to BART. To voice a supportive opinion, please write:

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## Guest Opinion

### Support Lesbian- and Gay-Inclusive Education

They came in waves of hatred and ignorance. Professing titles like "Reverend" and "Doctor," they claimed to have the "facts." Homosexuality inevitably results in AIDS. Sadomasochism is a leading cause of death amongst gay men. Gay people drink urine. Young lesbians kill themselves out of shame for their own sin. Homophobia is a myth.

And, of course, they came with their biggest "fact" of all. Homosexuals want one thing more than any other: Children — children to molest, to defile and, ultimately, to recruit — children who will be forced to carry the great homosexual sin into a new generation. Predacious pedophilia is the very essence of the militant homosexual agenda.

Those were the sorts of statements made on a hot summer afternoon in Sacramento, as the State Board of Education met to hear public comments on two new curriculum frameworks that will dictate the content of health and physical education textbooks used in our public schools. These frameworks include, for the first time ever, factual references to lesbians and gays. The references are actually quite small, even minimal. They confirm the existence of lesbians and gays, and little more. Yet, even these meager mentions were enough to evoke a chorus of hatred and denial from the bigots who traveled to Sacramento to testify under the misdirection of such professional homophobes as Lou Sheldon and his well-financed Traditional Values Coalition.

Of course, there were other voices at these hearings. Our community responded with characteristic grace and conviction. In the midst of what could easily have been taken for a KKK meeting, we spoke the truth about our many lives. But will the Board of Education hear this? Or will the Board continue to listen to lies, and so condone the hatred?

A number of lesbian and gay youth addressed

the Board, telling stories of their own struggles against bigotry, isolation and invisibility. Some spoke with a poetic precision about their own suicide attempts and their own victories over hatred. And yet, no Board member acknowledged these intrepid stories or the heroic youth who told them. No Board member spoke in defense of our community.

Instead, Joe Stein, President of the Board, complained that the public testimony had been "too narrow" and seemed to veer from "actual health issues." To hell with the lesbian couple whose son is taunted to tears each day at school. Forget about the gay teen contemplating suicide. Let's talk about the four food groups!

And so it went. But how will it go? Other Board members might be more sentient than Stein, who has clearly aligned himself with the far right. We just don't know.

What we do know is that the Board of Education — comprised entirely of Republican appointments — has postponed its vote on the Health and Physical Education frameworks until September, possibly later. They claim it would be wrong to "rush" the issue. Apparently, some of them are willing to tolerate lies awhile longer. We cannot wait.

Should the Board of Education decide to censor the few remaining lesbian and gay references, the blood of another generation of youth will be on the hands of each member who fails to support inclusion and educational equity. It is neither melodramatic nor hyperbolic to observe that lesbian and gay youth are being victimized — at this moment — for lack of fair and factual information about their lives. Here, too, an awful algebra connects silence and death.

Now more than ever, our community must fight for inclusion in these frameworks.

Al Kielwasser  
Project 21, San Francisco

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## Letters

### Protest Pope's Visit

Your on-target editorial about the abusive attack of the Catholic Church against lesbians and gays was both necessary and important. It highlights the relentless, archaic lack of understanding the Catholic Church has of homosexuality. Advising American bishops to advocate discrimination based on sexual orientation to protect the common good is a recent disgusting example.

Pope John Paul II is scheduled to visit Denver next summer. A national effort protesting his appearance is mandatory. Perhaps the B.A.R. might initiate a national, signature-gathering proclamation, informing the Roman "messenger of hate" that lesbians and gays oppose his visit, stating he is not welcome in our country that espouses human and civil rights and respect for the dignity of every human being.

An added tragedy to the pope's visit is that it coincides with World Youth Day, a gathering of young Roman Catholics from around the world. At least 10 percent of them will be of lesbian/gay orientation, most just becoming aware of the very puzzling sexuality that the Pope is committed to suppress and destroy. Those innocent, future members of our community stand to be psychologically damaged for life by this misguided church leader who himself has a dysfunctional concept of human sexuality.

A united opposition by lesbians and gays to the pope's visit is a duty and a responsibility. All together now: Stay home, pope!

Jerry Walker  
San Francisco

### Paying Their Fair Share

Our schools, health services, social services and other essentials are in a crisis. Cutbacks, layoffs and closures are commonplace. Our politicians say we just can't afford them and that even with these cuts, there will be a whole new range of taxes levied on the working person.

Meanwhile, a very wealthy segment of our society, unjustly enriched because of a misinterpretation of the law, goes untaxed. Each day, church-funded television and radio networks, and newspapers worth billions of dollars in value can compete with commercial tax-paying businesses, as do church-owned banks, insurance companies, apartment houses, luxury yachts and palatial hotels, record companies and theme parks — and not pay a penny in taxes, and all because they are "religious institutions."

The law requires the separation of church and state in order to preserve religious freedom. That being the case, then why are our governments at the local, state and federal level subsidizing religion? This special privileged status exempts billions of dollars of local real estate from property taxes, at a time when the rest of the people in society are not only called upon to pay high tax rates, but also to pay for their church's share of the tax bills.

Several city governments have moved to put church businesses back on the tax rolls where they belong, and the income is significant for governments starving for revenue. Some churches object to being taxed, saying that it would "undermine" their good works, but in actuality, the tax is a drop in the bucket considering church resources.

Lately, the churches themselves have chosen to switch from meeting their parishioners needs to operating TV networks and luxury hotels, as well as interfering in matters of state and politics. They too, likewise, must feel that they no longer need to heed the separation of church and state, by virtue of their open and indirect political lobbying activities. Obviously, this activity can only be interpreted as an indication of the willingness on the part of the church officials to give up their tax exemptions and pay their taxes like the rest of us and like any other giant corporation.

Cliff Anchor  
Monte Rio, CA

### Legalize Marijuana

Why is it when we're on the verge of legalizing medical marijuana in San Francisco, thanks to the overwhelming 80 percent victory of Proposition P, that the police see fit to arrest Brownie Mary for baking medicine for AIDS patients, and to harass, bust and take cars from people for buying tiny amounts of marijuana in Oakland and San Francisco?

It is time for our police and civic leaders to stop scapegoating peaceable pot users and accept their own responsibility for the violence and crime caused by their prohibitionist war on pot. Isn't it time to end the war and legalize marijuana?

Dennis Peron, Pres.  
Medical Marijuana Restoration Association  
Dale Gieringer, Coordinator  
California National Organization for the  
Reform of Marijuana Laws  
San Francisco

### Health Textbooks

I write to express my grave concern about narrow-minded bigotry being taught in California's public schools, and to urge your readers to write to the State Board of Education insisting on the inclusion of all people in the new Health Framework.

Last Monday, the California State Board of Education decided to put off its final approval of the new Health Framework that will stand as a guide to all California's schools for the next seven years. The Board of Education is usually a rubber-stamping body when it comes to these decisions, but clearly they have gotten political over the Health Framework. Why? Because it includes three references to sexual orientation. The Framework defines "all youth" as including lesbian and gay youth, defines "family" as including families with parents of the same sex, and mentions the fact that 30 percent of teen suicide is due to misery over sexual orientation. The Board wanted a comprehensive Health Framework, but now that they have come under pressure from the fundamentalist right, they are threatening to backtrack.

At the hearing last Monday, those protesting the inclusion of all students and families in the educational process presenting their stone-age arguments, stating that homosexuality was an abominable, unnatural, disease-ridden "lifestyle choice." In the face of testimony of parents who had lost their children to suicide and from young people who had tried to kill themselves, the bigots argued that gay teen suicide was due to guilt and homosexuals' supposedly natural predilections towards self-destruction.

While the period to enter comment into the public record is now over, it is not too late to write to individual members of the Board in order to remind them how necessary the inclusion of these references really is. If you were coming to terms with your gay or lesbian sexual identity while still in school, I urge you to write to the Board and remind them what the isolation felt like; how school did not address your needs, and how such neglect impairs all youth's education and chances of future success.

The Board of Education's address is P.O. Box 944272, Sacramento, CA 94244-2720. The names of individual Board members are: Joseph Carrabino, Irene Cheng, Kathryn Dronenburg, Yvonne Larsen, Dorothy J. Lee, Frank Light, S. William Malkasian, Marion McDowell, Benjamin Montoya, Joseph Stein and Gerti B. Thomas. Tell them all that the inclusion of these references in the Framework will be a step toward ending the dying.

Susan M. Reinhold  
San Francisco

### Lambda Letters Project

I would like to introduce you to the Lambda Letters Project. Based in Sacramento, the Lambda Letters Project assists its members and other interested persons in expressing their views to legislators and other public officials as well as to private industry on feminist, lesbian, gay and bisexual issues, in addition to issues relating to HIV status/AIDS. The project supplements the efforts of organizations that do direct lobbying on women's issues, lesbian, gay and bisexual issues, and AIDS by coordinating its efforts with them and by helping people to write or telephone legislators and other public officials, and representatives of private industry on these subjects.

Since our inception four years ago, we have grown to over 500 members statewide. The managers of the project are now preparing to incorporate and obtain non-profit, tax-exempt status. Incorporation will require that we establish a board of directors. The non-profit status will help us to lower our postage costs considerably and also save the project founder the burden of paying taxes on the project's income. A board of directors, with diverse and statewide representation, is also needed because our rapid growth may soon exceed the abilities of the project's informal management team to run the project and raise the necessary funds to pay its bills (the majority of which are for duplication, paper and postage).

A search committee is being formed to seek potential board members and officers of the corporation. The project managers have prepared a proposed set of by-laws, position statements for board members, a history of the project and a number of other documents which will be included in a search committee binder to be used by that committee in its work.

Now we must appeal for your help in this endeavor. Please seriously consider serving on our search committee or as a board member or officer of the corporation. We have budgeted for travel expenses and can provide some travel reimbursement if you are from outside the Sacramento area. If you cannot serve, please discuss the project among your friends and help us find someone who can serve. If you have questions you can call Karen at (916) 753-6670, Boyce at (916) 965-6851, or write to Lambda Letters Project, 6212 Silverton Way, Carmichael, CA 95068.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. If you have further questions, feel free to contact me at (916) 454-0411 or P.O. Box 160522, Sacramento, CA 95816-0522.

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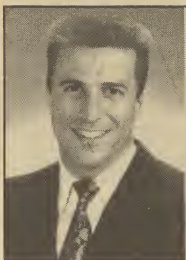
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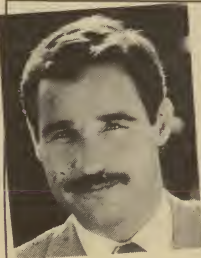
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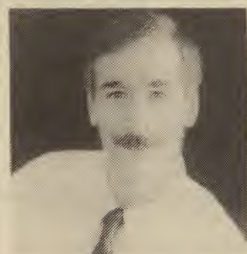


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## Letters

### Libertarian Party

Now that the anti-gay Ross Pirate has chickened out of the presidential race, the biased mass-media is trying to tell you that you only have a choice between Tweedledum and Tweedledee in November. As usual, this is not the whole truth.

Even in states where it is hard to get on the ballot, the Libertarian Party expects to make it this year. The candidates are Andre Marrou, the former "Conscience of the Alaska Legislature" for his speaking against special interest looters for President and Dr. Nancy Lord (a doctor and a lawyer) for vice president. They embarrassed the "major" parties by carrying the first precinct of the New Hampshire primary, but the "major media" has been trying to ignore them ever since.

The Libertarian Party is opposed to most useless and corrupt governmental agencies, regardless of the agencies' homophobic prejudices. If you want to find out about the third largest political party which is also running a candidate in almost every state for state and local offices, dial 1-800-682-1776 and you will get a fair sample, along with the usual request to contribute. Its mailing address is 1528 Pennsylvania Ave. S.E., Washington, DC 20003. (A belief that the federal government needs a thorough washing.)

If you want to join the fight against high taxes and bureaucratic oppression or if you only want to register a protest vote against the cruel misgovernment, you will have a real chance in November.

All I ask now is to be sure you are registered to vote.

**John T. Harlee**  
San Francisco

### Remember AB 101?

Many months have passed since the AB 101 veto and subsequent protestriot was in the public's eye. However, for the few defendants, especially the ones that are currently working every week for the Sheriff's Department and wondering how to raise the money to pay off all the exorbitant fines, the experience is still very much in the present.

Mirroring mainstream culture's ability to quickly forget the past and only focus on the "now," the progressive community here in San Francisco has for the most part forgotten about both the events that unfolded at the old State Building the day after Wilson's veto and the few people who were scapegoated and now suffer for the actions of many. From amongst those who do remember, a very small percentage are actually concerned enough to want to help. For the AB 101 defendants, the word "solidarity" has been just that: a word.

To explore the multitude of potential reasons why there has been so little support from the community for these few who bear the brunt of the legal system's attack is beyond the scope of this letter. But, if oppositional politics in this city is to become a viable force to be reckoned with, then the lack of solidarity that these defendants have had from within various activist circles is inexcusable and a poor testament to the extent of people's commitment to one another. How can members of any political group in San Francisco advocate taking action that could result in people getting arrested while there are still people from previous protests dealing with the consequences of those actions by themselves and without organizational support?

As we continue to enter into a very uncertain and fragile future, with the specter of the rising right wing before us, and the socio-economic fabric falling apart beneath us, the possibility and necessity of a concerted, militant, oppositional movement engaging in actions that go beyond currently acceptable forms of dissent is very real. If this is the case, then the concept of solidarity must cease to be a concept and become a living reality. No one must be left behind in the dust. We must not view each other as the state views its infantry, as cannon fodder. Otherwise, who is going to be willing to jeopardize oneself by trying to fight back, if there is no assurance that there will be anyone to back them up?

Right now the AB 101 defendants need financial support. We need help with organizing a fundraiser. We need a promoter. We need people to make donations. We need to publicize our plight. We need more committed people working on the various projects of AB 101 Defendants Fund. Too few people are doing work that should be done by many. The choice is simple. Will the AB 101 defendants remain forgotten scapegoats left to rot in the dustbin of San Francisco activist history, casting a dark shadow over the future? Or will people come to our aid and help us put these legal consequences behind us, thus giving hope and encouragement to others who may find themselves in similar situations again?

Send contributions to AB 101 Defendants Fund, 500 Leavenworth St., Apt. 606, San Francisco, CA 94109. To help, call (415) 431-8615 or 241-0131.

**Stefan Wray,**  
AB 101 Defendant  
San Francisco

### Noel Coward Review

I must say that I was disappointed in your review of "Noel Coward: A Biography" by Clive Fisher (Bo Huston, B.A.R., July 16). For starters, it seems odd to assign the review to a writer who is undoubtedly biased: "Coward is not the kind of artist whose life or work are particularly compelling to me." On the one hand: "... there is something lacking in this biography: a curiosity about the subject. Coward is not penetrated, merely described"; on the other: "... not the most involving reading experience I can think of. Again, the fault is more Coward's than Fisher's." The biography is variously described as "handsome," "competent," "masterful," "a crashing bore," "limited" and "distant." I would add "superficial," "mean-spirited," "inadequate" and "flimsy."

I fear I shall continue to trust the judgment of Maugham, Rattigan and Albee, among Coward's contemporaries who have sung his praises as a playwright, rather than that of Mr. Huston who finds that Sir Noel wrote "only one or two plays" of "any lasting relevance or interest."

Bo Huston finds Coward guilty of being "notoriously short on self-analysis" and "hesitant to commit any self-revelation to paper." I'm sorry, but where does it say in the rules of playwrighting that one must do so? It is the biographer's job to dig out insights when they are not conveniently laid out by the subject. One can find some quite revelatory insights in Coward's writings — in his lyrics, plays and memoirs. Mr. Fisher has done a very slap dash job, and failed utterly. One hopes that the biography of Coward now in progress by Philip Hoare (the biographer of Stephen Tennant) will be a more substantial contemporary look at this ever-intriguing subject.

It would appear that Bo Huston, lacking interest as noted, has not read the excellent biographies of Coward by Cole Lesley and Sheridan Morley — since he seems to take Fisher's at face value. It is, in fact, a little more than a rehashing of previously published material with a few salacious bits thrown in. I agree that Mr. Fisher did not penetrate Coward; neither has Mr. Huston penetrated Mr. Fisher's rather thin book.

**Alan Farley**  
San Francisco

### Our Duty

Three major corporations, Bank of America, Wells Fargo Bank and Levi Strauss recently agreed to stop contributing money to the Boy Scouts of America because of the scouting policies that discriminate against gays and people who do not believe in God.

It is our duty to write to corporate friends who are supporting our issues. Otherwise, the likes of the Christian Coalition of San Francisco and other fanatical fundamentalist hate-mongers will pressure these corporations to re-think or change their very progressive policy. Since all three have made their decisions public, all three say they have received hundreds of phone calls and letters from opponents of their actions slightly edging out supporters. Let us change this. I urge all of you to please write your own letters of support to the addresses I have been given:

Robert Haas, President, Levi Strauss Consumer Affairs, 1155 Battery LS4, San Francisco, CA 94111, (800) 872-5384.

Ms. Karen Wegmann, Chairwoman, Wells Fargo Foundation, 420 Montgomery St., San Francisco, CA 94163.

Dick Rosenberg, CEO, Bank of America, Corporate Communications 3124, P.O. Box 37000, San Francisco, CA 94137.

Your letters really make a difference and in this case, will stem the flood of very ugly and hate-filled letters being received from so-called "Christian groups" in the Bay Area.

**Michael Fiumara**  
Santa Rosa, CA

### African-American Conference

*The following letter was sent to Mary Midget.*

We, the Bi-Afro Support Group and 3x3: Bisexual People of Color Caucus (which is part of the Bay Area Bisexual Network) are extremely pleased that you are planning the First Annual African-American Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual conference to take place in October 1992 in San Francisco. We have needed this for a very long time: a yearly San Francisco/Bay Area conference that is uniquely for African-Americans in the sexual minority — one that is conceived by and inclusive of the entire community.

Our Bi-Afro Support Group is very eager to actively participate and educate our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters and other people about bisexuality from an African-American perspective by offering a workshop at this conference. We feel a workshop and our diverse backgrounds will dispel many myths and stereotypes — increase awareness and understanding, build togetherness and acceptance, along with visibility — in short, unity for our entire community.

Thank you very much for your support. We wish you much success.

**Cheryl Marie, Bi-Afro Support**  
Oakland, CA



## Letters

### United Way

With all the controversy surrounding United Way at this time, we at Tri-Valley Haven want to thank you for your continuing support. We are one of the many agencies who rely heavily on United Way funding. To lose their funding would be truly catastrophic to the victims of violence we serve.

Tri-Valley Haven serves both domestic violence and sexual assault victims. It takes extensive counseling and advocacy to stabilize survivors of violence, but our program does work. One of our former residents just successfully completed her dental assistant program at Cal State Hayward. Two more are nurses — one at Santa Rita Jail, the other on Kaiser's advice line.

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Thank you for continuing to support United Way. So many agencies like ours depend on them.

**Kim Wayne, Development Director**  
Tri-Valley Haven for Women  
Livermore, CA

### No Yellow Brick Road

*The following letter was sent to Mayor Frank Jordan, City Hall, San Francisco.*

It was very good to see you at the AIDS Emergency Fund/Black Coalition on AIDS benefit last evening, and I was moved by your presentation to Michael Vita.

However, please remember that "The Wizard of Oz" is just a movie, the people merely characters in the story and that there is no Yellow Brick Road — so don't look there for an answer to the city's problems.

The priorities must remain clear. No macho posturing a la George Bush will smokescreen the realities. For example, the panhandling by the homeless is not a serious problem when compared to the rapid deterioration of the city due to ruthless cutbacks in basic services, including public transportation.

I wish you success for the sake of the city. And please — follow good advisers, not the Yellow Brick Road.

**L. Ronald Benson**  
San Francisco

### Sanctuary Law Must Remain

*The following letter was sent to Mayor Frank Jordan, City Hall, San Francisco.*

The members of the executive board of Alice B. Toklas Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club would like to express our strong objection to any change that would weaken the Sanctuary laws that now exist in San Francisco. We oppose any attempt to place this matter on the November 1992 ballot.

Alice B. Toklas Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club fought hard to make sure that sanctuary would be provided for members of our community when necessary. Removing or weakening these laws would hurt our lesbian and gay community by allowing for HIV-positive individuals to be persecuted. It would cause homosexual families to be separated from one another and allow members of our community to be deported unfairly.

We urge you not to place this issue on the ballot as it will divide communities within San Francisco. Please honor your commitment to build bridges, not erect barriers.

**Robert Barnes, President**  
Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club  
San Francisco

### NAMBLA Again

I am neither a member nor a supporter of NAMBLA, and I believe sexual relations between adults and young children to be extremely unwise at best. But when I read rabid condemnation of the group that relies on the same convoluted, hysterical logic used by the Catholic Church hierarchy to encourage intolerance for and even violence against gays and lesbians, I must object. When David K. Senty of San Francisco writes (B.A.R., July 23) that "I wish (NAMBLA members) no harm, but if they are going to insist on a public expression of their free speech rights, they have to deal with the consequences," he is echoing, perhaps unwittingly, the very words used by Pope John Paul II to excuse attacks on gays. Senty's words — "let them hold their own parade and see how they get their butts kicked" — are highly reactionary, reflecting a lack of sober thought and a willingness to incite hatred. He is, therefore, culpable of an egregiously antisocial behavior and his views are worthy only of contempt.

Let those who disagree with or approve of any group say so, in plain words; but beware of words reeking of bile and self-righteousness.

**Mark Mardon**  
San Francisco

### Join in the Victory

As I stood on the floor of Madison Square Garden at the Democratic National Convention in New York, I was empowered as I listened to Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton speak of including "gays" in his vision of this nation's future. The work and struggle of our community made that moment happen.

Never before has the lesbian and gay community been so close to the ear of a presidential nominee; never before has a presidential nominee made a partner of the lesbian/gay community as Bill Clinton does. Never before has any presidential candidate believed in our cause for equality and non-discrimination as Bill Clinton does. He has made tremendous efforts to include the lesbian/gay community in the Democratic platform and in his campaign. Clinton's support of the lesbian and gay community is extensive.

Clinton invited San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg to address the Democratic Convention. Clinton invited not one, but two, HIV-positive persons to address the convention and insured that they were present onstage with him following his acceptance speech.

Clinton included gay activist and political strategist David Mixner in his National Executive Committee. Clinton addressed a rally of lesbian and gay supporters in Los Angeles in May of 1992.

Clinton has agreed to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation in the United States military upon Executive Order.

Clinton has agreed to sign a sexual orientation civil rights bill if enacted by Congress; and

Clinton endorsed a Democratic Party platform that seeks to remove discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Never before has a presidential candidate placed such great emphasis on caring for persons with AIDS and finding a cure for the epidemic. He has issued a three-page AIDS policy position paper, which includes fully implementing both reports of the Presidential Commission on AIDS, full funding of the Ryan White CARE Act and creating a government position to focus solely on AIDS.

Bill Clinton has made history by openly bringing the lesbian and gay community into the family of the Democratic Party. Now each member of the gay/lesbian community must join together to get this presidential nominee elected!

Not only must we vote for him on Nov. 3, but we must support him financially, by volunteering for his local field operation and encouraging those doubtful or cynical among us that this presidential candidate can forever change the United States by protecting lesbians and gay men from further discrimination and provide our community proud and open inclusion in this nation's future. To join in the victory, contact the Clinton/Gore campaign now through the Democratic Party Headquarters (415) 626-1161.

**Jeffrey G. Gibson**  
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### Shame, Shame, Kimmy

In response to Kimmy Sashes' July 2 letter: When I see a limp-wristed swish queen prancing down the street, it makes me feel great that I've chosen a city to live in that is open enough to allow people to live their lives in the fashion they so choose. Maybe Ms. Kimmy should move to a city where people fear expressing themselves and to survive, one has to live a closeted life. Being swish makes it no harder for the rest of us; what makes it harder is our so-called brothers and sisters inflicting upon us their own stereotypical values and prejudices.

It sounds to me that Ms. Kimmy and Mark Saylor both have problems with their own identities. No matter whether it be leather or lace, preppy or punk, it's all drag. To label one a man for the way he dresses, walks, talks or holds his wrist is absolutely homophobic.

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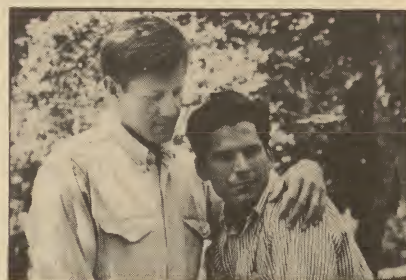


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## The Giants' Ninth Inning

While some never-say-die reporters (particularly the sports-writers) as well as thousands of brokenhearted fans are still holding out hoping for a miracle of sorts that would keep the San Francisco Giants from moving to Florida at the end of the current season, it's all over. Someone — indeed many had a part in it — dropped the ball and it is the bottom of the ninth with two outs and two strikes on the Giants' last chance as Bob Lurie, laughing all the way to the bank, says goodbye to Candlestick Park, telling the loyal fans to, in effect, kiss his ass because, as we all know (don't we?) "the rich get richer" and life is always good living in a mansion in Atherton.

Should we be surprised that the "spoiled brat" multimillionaire sold San Francisco's baseball team for tens of millions more than he paid for it? Hell no. So far as I know, Bob Lurie never claimed to be a sportsman; the guy is a cold-blooded businessman and frankly, there is nothing wrong with that. Indeed, how do you think that mere millionaires become multimillionaires?

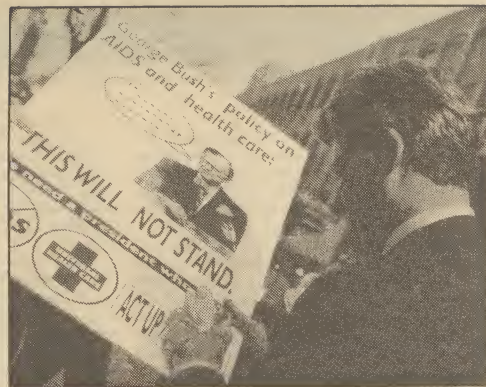
In some cases — Bob Lurie a classic case — people take the millions handed down by

their parents and invest it to make millions more. Nothing wrong with that; it is indeed the American way. Enough about Mr. Lurie; like I said, given a like opportunity, anyone of us would have doubtlessly done the same thing. So, the Giants, a hapless bunch at times, to be sure, but still the San Francisco Giants, are history. Why? Who is really to blame for letting a major league get away (other than the greedy Mr. Lurie, that is) from what is not really a major league city anymore? There is plenty of "blame" to go around.

I would have to agree with Herb Caen when he says that City Hall made it very easy and gave Lurie the out he was looking for back in 1989 when then-Mayor Art Agnos and the majority of the Board of Supervisors ever so casually decided to let the Giants out of a lease that would have forced them to stay at Candlestick through the 1994 season. Just what Mr. Lurie was looking for — a city-sponsored escape clause. Incidentally, four of those brain-surgeon supervisors have their names on the November ballot this year, and I suppose that if enough furious Giants' fans wanted to know, I could be persuaded to name them.

In fact, I spoke with a couple of them this week regarding that stupid 1989 vote, and you should have heard the rationalizations they came up with. Did Mayor Frank Jordan drop the ball? You decide; while many are saying that Jordan, only in office seven months now, never really had a fair chance at the bat in keeping the Giants here, the mayor personally told me only a week before the June vote in which San Jose voters turned down a new stadium that he was on top of the situation. On the Saturday before the Tuesday June primary, I ran into the mayor and told him that I hoped that in the event San Jose voters turn down the stadium next week, your office has a plan ready to keep them here. Jordan looked me in the eye and said, "We not only have one plan, Wayne, we have two." I took the good mayor at his word, but to date we have yet to see either of the "two" plans Jordan had ready awaiting the results of the San Jose vote.

Supervisor Angela Alioto told me this week that she "definitely" has the funding — in the "neighborhood of \$100 million" in a package that she will announce probably today (Thursday) that assures a new baseball stadium will be built



Bill Clinton

(Photo: Tom Flair)

at the 7th and Townsend site. Alioto emphasized that the package she will announce is to build the stadium, not to buy the team. Buying the team, the supervisor points out, is supposed to be put together by a group appointed by, or at least at the direction of Mayor Jordan.

While some have accused Supervisor Alioto of "doing a lot of talking and holding a lot of meetings these past few months" with, seemingly, little concrete results, I think the woman at least gets credit for trying — something few of the other City Hall "leaders" (?) have been doing. Others seem content to sit around and point the finger of blame at others. Board President Kevin Shelly, Terence Hallinan and others are all saying what a "tragedy" it is that the team is now gone, but none have anything to offer as to how to keep them. Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, in fact, was quoted in Sunday's San Francisco Independent as saying "It is not exactly clear what could have been done, but it is clear that Frank Jordan did not do it."

Can someone tell me just what the hell that was supposed to mean? If you can't say something sensible, supervisor, say nothing at all. For his part, the mayor was seemingly holding out false hope that "all is not lost — yet." Forget it — the Giants are history; the voters have made it known several times, for one reason or another, that they don't want the team here bad enough to build them a stadium; politicians like Quentin Kopp and Richard Hongisto (only to name two) have done their best, repeatedly, to defeat measures that would have kept the team here; both the American and National League owners will vote approval of the move next month, and I'll eat my newly purchased Giants' cap on top of the home team dugout at Candlestick if, by any unforeseen miracle, the Giants' are the San Francisco Giants next season.

As one bitter longtime Giants fan put it last week, "This is a business, and we are talking probably \$113 million — Lurie would sell his wife and family for that kind of money." (Incidentally, I was just kidding about eating my cap, etc.)

their party last month. Now George Bush and Company have theirs — the National Republican Convention — starting Monday, and what a party it should be. With speakers like Ronald Reagan, Pat Robertson, John Sununu, Phyllis Schlafly, Jesse Helms,

The Republicans

Bill Clinton and Al Gore had

Dan Quayle, Jerry Falwell and California's own Rev. Lou Sheldon, how can this thing miss?

You read it right, the Republican National Convention organizers announced last week that the Rev. Lou Sheldon, founder of the anti-gay, anti-abortion far-right Anaheim-based Traditional Values Coalition, will indeed appear on the podium, probably with George Bush himself, during next week's Houston confab. Since last year Sheldon has met numerous times with the president, and Bush now reportedly considers the homophobic Christian Fundamentalist leader a key player in his relationship with religious groups; in fact, the White House now says that Rev. Sheldon is "as important a link to the heart of evangelism as are longtime Bush stalwarts Robertson and Moral Majority founder Jerry Falwell."

Look for Sheldon to play a high-profile part of next week's convention; Bush needs him and his religious right and the Republicans will get as much use as they can, promoting their "family values" campaign, with the help of Sheldon and his ilk. The one issue that Lou Sheldon reserves his hottest fire for is homosexuality, and he and his followers, now close to Bush and Quayle, will make certain there is no hint of a pro-gay attitude at the convention. Sheldon, in fact, told reporters recently that he is sure he can count on the president in his war against homosexuality and abortion, because the president has, according to Sheldon, personally assured him. "Mr. Bush said to me, 'Rev. Lou, mark me down — I am opposed to the same-sex marriage thing, and their agenda,'" Sheldon said. "We were in a small group, in a friendly atmosphere, and he didn't feel under pressure. I know he meant it from his heart."

Sheldon, headed for the Houston Republican Convention, added that "I pray every night that this (Bush) campaign will take off. There's no way the family values in this country will hold if he doesn't get in again."

Now that you know who George Bush and Dan Quayle are looking to this November to help win again, have you heard enough? As gays and lesbians, we had damned better be ready to commit ourselves — now — to electing Bill Clinton and Al Gore — and Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer in November. Trust me, you will see no hint of gay rights or a plan to fight AIDS at next week's convention. ▼

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# Olympic Dream Teaming

by Nancy Boutillier

When NBC sportscasters profiled Canadian rower Silken Laumann, my heart skipped a beat. The sight of Laumann — buff as buff can be, driving her legs, leaning back into each stroke and gliding across the water in her shell — brought back all the lust I had to hide in the boathouse during my own rowing days.

The sportscaster, in all the hype typical of Olympic coverage, explained that Laumann had suffered a boating accident that cost her five op-



## Commentary

erations in the past year. She was rowing before she was walking again, and her presence in the Olympics was, by their definition, a miracle, by mine, proof positive that this woman must be a dyke.

"Take a look at this one," I called to my girlfriend in the kitchen. As she entered the living room, the sportscaster informed us both that Silken's boyfriend John is a member of the Canadian men's Olympic crew team.

My heart sunk.

Then shame set in. Who am I to project my love for women onto this wonderful, strong, talented, butch woman?

But when the race began and American rower Anne Marden beat Silken in the qualifying heat, my heart skipped another beat — this time for Marden.

Why hadn't they profiled Marden — the American? Sure, Laumann's comeback makes good story, but hasn't this been the year for NBC to hype Americans and only Americans? It was a radical departure of the reporting trend to sound so nonchalant about an American in medal contention. Besides, Marden is a Princeton grad, a veteran Olympian — perfect for a Wheaties box. Was the problem that she'd been training outside of the United States in the United Kingdom? Or was her hair too short? Her shoulders too wide? Her muscles too strong? Did she not have a boyfriend to point to?

Viewing the women of these Summer Games, I have vacillated between pride in their abilities, outrage at the slim coverage they've received from the American media, and hope that I could claim some of them as my own — as lesbians.

From the coverage's men-behind-the-women angle on gymnastic coach Bela Karolyi and Jackie Joyner-Kersey's husband Bobby Kersey to shots of Anita Nall dressing up for her high school prom, I kept wishing they'd give equal time to the women-behind-the-women. All I wanted was one peek at someone dressing up for a gay pride march.

It's the starvation — the fact that I know they are there, and I know the press won't acknowledge any of them — that has me greedy for every woman athlete.

I wondered what the Examiner knew when it reported on swimmer Jenny Thompson's accessories — a left ear with four different

piercings, Wayfarer sunglasses, and a baseball cap (worn backwards at the award ceremony, I might add) and a "gruesome" tattoo of a rose run through by a sword. According to the Examiner, "It was difficult to tell whether the Stanford sophomore was trying to live up to her reputation or to hide from it" when she said of the tattoo, "It's not supposed to mean anything. Besides, it's only a rub-on. It's not a real tattoo or anything."

When every heterosexual indicator possible about women athletes are made so crystal clear, I hear an invitation to make my own sense of any scrap of ambiguity served up.

What is this "reputation" Thompson has to live up to or live down?

Forget the 10 percent rule. I've traveled in athletic circles long enough to know that the kind of gender transgression that accompanies a woman dedicating her life so fully to sports at least doubles the possibility. And I know how deeply rooted the homophobia is.

What I've done is adopted a 100 percent rule. That is, ALL women whose male significant other is not mentioned by the press is mine to claim. In fact, I've started putting together my own little Dream Team — according to the dreams I dream. I don't care whether any particular athlete is lesbian or gay, and, of course, I'm wrong some of the time. But because no one is telling me who is lesbian or gay, I know I'm right some of the time too!

The invisibility of women's teams seems particularly homophobic to me. The men who work together in a team effort are celebrated far more jubilantly than are the women who bond with any enthusiasm. It was a macho moment of solidarity when the U.S. men's volleyball team ritually shaved their heads to exhibit team unity, but nobody mentioned the tattoos that Thompson must have urged her teammates to sport in the relay final.

I have no substantive evidence about any of the individuals mentioned here, because that's not the point. In light of the unrealistic absence sportscasters supply, I go looking for glimmers of gaiety. And I'm not the only one who does.

In talking with friends, I've discovered I wasn't alone in my admiration for the width of diver Mary Ellen Clark's shoulders or the authority with which she threw her towel over the edge of the platform.

After a surprise showing that won bronze, Clark sent greetings to the man in her life.

"Hi, Dad," she waved into the camera.

No let down there. Clark gets to be captain of my dream team.

My dream team telecaster, Olympic skier Cindy Nelson, oft seen with Martina, (well, they have ex-football players covering track!) would have recalled a similar moment from Olympics past when, in a medal moment four years ago, diver Greg Louganis was

asked if there was a special someone he wanted to say "Hi" to back in the United States. I had heard rumors of a coming out party, and I was sure this was it. Greg even seemed caught off guard by the question. His tongue seemed to trip up for a moment, and then he shared the moment with a woman in his life — his niece.

Another dream team selection is the German heptathlete who allegedly played rough with Jackie Joyner-Kersey. Was there more than meets the ear to the attention given to Bobby Kersey's reminder to his wife that she was the matador while her opponents were "bulls?" The buller the better, if you ask me!

And speaking of rough stuff, according to Sports Illustrated, team handball player Sam Jones — named be-



cause her father wanted a boy — has a "lust" for going "where most of the rough stuff occurs." Why can't I find any coverage of the women's team handball squad? Jones makes the dream team, and maybe I should take the whole handball crew.

As for crew, I wasn't able to see enough rowing to choose, but I trust there are some triceps to die for, so I'd save a few seats for them. The field hockey women haven't had a kilt of coverage, but, having slept with a few in my time, I know they'd be worth making room for. I'd also go down-under to meet the policewoman from Australia who won gold in white water kayak racing.

In my dream, I'd also go one-on-one with basketball star Teresa Edwards.

If I went coed, my dream team would include all the

male gymnasts I rooted for because they weren't afraid to cry. In fact, I would want all the "Unified Team" gymnasts, male and female, because they seemed so genuinely at ease with the bodies of their teammates and kissed each other on the lips without reservation.

As long as the media refuse to make visible what I know is there, I'll symbolically bring the truth to life in my own imagination. I am not claiming that any of these particular athletes is or is not lesbian or gay, but I do guarantee that dreaming increases the viewing pleasure.

So, build a dream team of your own. Citius, altius, fortius — higher, faster, stronger. Go for the gold, and let them raise the rainbow flag to Sylvester singing "I Am What I Am." ▼

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# Reproductive Rights 'Front Woman' Leona Benten Fights For Issues Beyond RU486

by Rachel Timoner

Leona Benten — the 29-year-old Berkeley resident who challenged the federal ban on RU486, the French abortion pill, by illegally bringing it into the country July 2 — has spent the past five weeks in the center ring of a media circus.

Though wearied and wary from confrontations with an unrelenting press corps, Benten agreed to share her experience with the Bay Area Reporter.

It all started in the third week of June, when Benten realized she was pregnant. She went to Oakland's Women's Choice Clinic to set up an appointment for an abortion, and was presented with another option: was she willing to be the "front woman" in the legal challenge against the federal ban on RU486?

Benten thought it over.

"This is not my main political struggle," Benten said. "RU486 is not the biggest deal in the world to me, especially considering that even if the case had won, it would have been a matter of women who are able to go to Europe and bring back a personal dose. It's such an elitist kind of situation."

"So it wasn't something that I was really excited about doing. There are all these other issues, like sterilization abuse, that I think are more important in some ways because they get much less media attention and because they're affecting women who don't have any privilege," she said.

"On the other hand, I needed to get an abortion and it did seem like RU486 would work for me and it did seem like it would be a step toward something," she said. "It was a choice of doing a political action or not doing a political action, so being the activist that I am, I decided to do the political action."

Within a few days Benten was in New York meeting with high-power, pro-choice advocate Lawrence Lader of Abortion Rights Mobilization, the group that had organized a national search for a woman willing to test the ban.

"The main thing they were trying to find out was how articulate I was and how confident I was about the decision I was going to make," Benten recalled.

The mainstream pro-choice advocates did not ask Benten about her politics. It might not have occurred to them that she would use the spotlight to raise issues ranging from prisoners' rights to the rights of lesbian mothers to AIDS education. She said that they did not warn her about the media blitz she would face or set any guidelines about an image she was supposed to portray. Lader and his mainstream cohorts were in for a surprise.

"Larry had no idea (about my politics). He was extremely condescending and he didn't have any conception of

what kinds of things I do. He has worked very much in the mainstream pro-choice movement and he doesn't have any idea of what radical feminist politics is about," Benten said.

Benten and Lader were on a plane to London the next day, spent the night in separate London hotels, and when they boarded a return flight in the morning, Lader slipped Benten the small bottle of 12 50-milligram pills.

Meanwhile, Abortion Rights Mobilization notified

**"Nobody warned me about the intense media coverage. I don't think about the emotional effects on myself of doing these things. I just do them and then I deal with it."**

—Leona Benten

Customs authorities that Benten would be carrying RU486 into Kennedy Airport. RU486 has been on a Federal Drug Administration list of drugs to be seized upon import since 1989. Since that list is typically reserved for medically dangerous or black-market drugs and RU486 is neither, pro-choice advocates argue that the ban is politically motivated.

The rest of the story has been widely publicized. Customs confiscated the drug, Benten went to court, the first federal judge ruled that she had a right to the pills, an appellate panel overturned the ruling, Benten's attorneys appealed, and the case was assigned to Clarence Thomas, who referred it to the entire Supreme Court, which ruled that Benten couldn't have the pills. She went on to have a surgical abortion within days.

A large part of Abortion Rights Mobilization's strategy was to shed light on the federal ban on RU486. They hoped the media would eat up Benten's story, making every household in America aware of the issues involved. Benten was also originally interested in using the media to air her concerns, but was quickly turned off the press after she felt assaulted by the media's invasive presence in her life.

"Nobody warned me about the intense media coverage. I don't think about the emotional effects on myself of doing these things. I just do them and then I deal with it," she said.

"I wanted to do media, but the night of the decision there were media vans outside my house until 2 a.m. waiting for me to come out. A San Francisco Chronicle reporter came to my door early in the morning and I told her I wasn't going to talk to her then and that's what she printed. Channel 5 put my whole street on

television. There was just a total lack of respect."

"I have been feeling like I'm in this dangerous position because everybody knows my last name and Operation Rescue-type people are really crazy and they're really dangerous, and I feel like the press has had no respect for that at all," she said.

And when Benten has agreed to speak with the media, she has been her radical self, insisting on bringing attention to the issues that she feels need some spotlight. Though she hasn't gotten any feedback from the people at Abortion Rights Mobilization, Benten said that she has the feeling they weren't pleased with her emphasis on a broad, radical agenda.

"I think there was some disappointment about how easy it is for people to turn me off because they can just pigeonhole me as a radical person and ignore what I have to say."

"I have questions about the effectiveness of myself as a spokesperson because people can do that, but I think you can't really make a decision — people are going to be affected by different things, and the things I've been talking about get into the mainstream press so rarely that it's important to have that regardless," she said.

In fact, Benten was so insistent on the inclusion of issues affecting women of color that she turned down interviews with Tom Brokaw and Dan Rather.

"I based my decision about those two programs on the fact that reproductive rights is not a white issue," she said. "Abortion gets all this media attention and all this publicity and all this political attention, and things like fetal alcohol syndrome, welfare cuts, lack of child care, lesbian mothers — all of these things do not get coverage. I want women of color to be talking to whoever I talk to with me, or preferably instead of me."

"This is not about me. It's not about my personal life, it's not about who I am. It's about women need to have these things, we need to have options. All women need to have options, and white middle class women are the ones who have the most options. And so what I was saying is if you're going to have me on, you're going to have to have women of color on, too. And they said no, this is about you. So I wouldn't do it."

But the press wasn't the only group making Benten's life difficult. While she was negotiating with the media over how they would portray the issue of RU486, Benten faced another sort of harassment — pro-lifers offering to adopt her baby. She is infuriated by their requests.

"I've had a lot of letters from people saying (they want to adopt my baby). They do not want my baby — the only reason they want this baby is to make a political

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Leona Benten

(Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

## Abortion Pill Challenge Raises Awareness

by Rachel Timoner

Leona Benten's quick trip to London has brought the issue of the ban on RU486 to the American public's attention.

But less attention has been given to how it compares to surgical abortion, and who would have access to it if the ban were to be lifted.

RU486 causes the lining of the uterus and any fertilized egg to be shed by interfering with progesterone, the hormone that causes the uterus to create the lining. French studies show that the combination of RU486 and the hormone prostaglandin 48 hours later is 96 percent effective in the first nine weeks of pregnancy. Women for whom the combination is not effective can have a surgical abortion.

According to the Population Council of New York, RU486 is slightly more risky than a surgical abortion, causing significant complications in 2 percent of the women who take it, as compared to a 1 percent significant complication rate for surgical abortions.

Abortion by RU486 can be done earlier in the pregnancy than can surgical abortion, can be given in a doctor's office instead of a clinic, and can be taken at home. In addition, many doctors who are unwilling to perform surgical abortions have stated that they would administer RU486 to patients. Use of RU486 does require a return visit to the doctor's office to make certain the drug has been effective.

Preliminary studies show that RU486 may be helpful for the treatment of many diseases, including cancer, Cushing's syndrome, diabetes, en-

dometriosis, meningioma, glaucoma, and fibroids.

Some pro-choice activists see RU486's versatility as a strong weapon in the fight to lift the federal ban on import of the drug, and say it's only a matter of time until the broad coalition of people who need the drug steps up pressure on the federal government to end its interference.

"Anything that allows the drug into the country is going to allow some kind of underground (for its use for abortion). It's gonna happen — we're going to get RU486. That's not the question. The question is how much it costs when it gets here, how much access there is," Benten says.

At this point the French manufacturer of the drug, Roussel-Uclaf, and U.S. research companies aren't even attempting to begin the testing process to win approval of the drug. Pro-choice activists say their inaction comes from a fear of right wing boycotts.

"The point is that they're afraid of boycotts. The only thing that will have an effect is if pro-choice people start saying that they're going to hold a boycott," Benten says.

And meanwhile, there's serious doubt on behalf of some organizations working for reproductive rights for women of color and poor women that RU486 would be any better than surgical abortions, to which many women do not have access.

"Eighty-three percent of the counties in the U.S. do not have abortion clinics. RU486 may be a way for women in these areas to have an abortion," says Luz Alvarez Martinez of the National Latina Health Organization.

But activists say that if the

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## California News

# LA Police Chief Williams Visits Gay and Lesbian Center

By Karen Ocamb

LOS ANGELES — On Aug. 5 Willie Williams became the first Los Angeles Police Chief to set foot in the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center. The historic meeting with members of the lesbian/gay community was facilitated by City Councilmember Mike Woo.

In his introductory remarks, Woo called Williams' visit "auspicious," and "one more sign that we are at the end of one era and the beginning of another."

He said he believes Williams is committed to ending the historically "troubled relationship" between the LAPD and the lesbian/gay community.

"My doors are open to you just as your doors are open to me here today," Williams told the crowd of about 30 activists. "It doesn't make any difference what your sexual preference is. ... We are your department. We work for you. You pay our salaries."

During a question and answer period Williams was corrected on his terminology and agreed to use the term "sexual orientation" instead of "sexual preference."

"I'm still learning to be a Southern Californian," said Williams, who headed the Police Department in Philadelphia.

Williams said he has started a comprehensive "A to Z" reevaluation of all LAPD policies and practices, including training for new officers and the more than 10,000 civilian and sworn employees of the department. He said he is also reevaluating the background questionnaire for new recruits.

"Your sexual preference should not be a question asked by the Los Angeles Police Department," he said, noting that as head of the Philadelphia Police Department he set up a police ministration in the city's gay area to recruit whoever walked in.

Williams said he wants to establish a police liaison with the lesbian/gay community and set up an office to help coordinate demonstrations, including protests by people who want to "make a point" and get arrested.

During the question-answer period Williams heard a myriad of complaints ranging from police indifference to gay bashing incidents to mistreatment during demonstrations.

Terry DeCrescenzo, executive director of Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services (GLASS) picked up on the training issues, saying management needs to be included.

"When I talk about in-service training," Williams responded, "I talk about in-service training from the chief on down."

Civil rights attorney John Duran asked about police entrapment of gays on lewd conduct charges.

"Lives are ruined," Duran said, "teaching credentials are ruined, licenses to practice medicine and law are ruined. And in 90 percent of the cases I see, it is with my client be-



LA Police Chief Willie Williams

ing innocent — who does not have the resources to take this to trial, or does not want to suffer the public humiliation of being on trial for lewd conduct."

"You're saying that we are close to, if not involved in entrapment?" Williams responded. "Philosophically, my view is: unless it is something really openly lewd and outrageous, that would offend anyone, that was out in the open, then we don't necessarily go entrapment."

Rick Parrish from the Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team and Colors United Action Coalition complained to Williams about men "perceived to be gay" being asked their HIV status during "routine" police stops.

"What you described," Williams told Parrish, "to me that sounds wrong. That's not going to take a lot of debate."

Attorney Mary Newcombe from Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, asked Williams about "strong disciplinary measures aimed at anti-gay comments and prejudice," suggesting a comparison with the Navy's recent harsh discipline on officers involved with the sexual harassment scandal.

"Well, I agree with you," Williams told Newcombe. He said he had just signed discipline papers against an officer who made derogatory comments about a female prisoner.

"I always believe," Williams continued, "that depending on the circumstances, when they first cross over the line, you try to train and rehabilitate them, same as you do with hardened criminals. But you don't go back to the well two dozen times."

Stonewall Democratic Club President Steve Martin asked about writing up hate crimes to which Williams responded that the department has to learn what a hate crime is and how to ask the right questions for the report. But otherwise, Williams said, the prosecution of hate crimes as a felony is left up to the District Attorney.

Martin also asked about resolving the case of former LAPD Sgt. Mitch Grobeson who claims he was fired because he is gay. Williams said he was attending a meeting later that day on the matter.

Williams surprised many in the room by his response to a question by ACLU's Jon Davidson about needle-exchange programs. The mayor

of Philadelphia, Williams said, "made a decision that for the health and safety of the community, that philosophically it would be better to allow this needle-exchange, even though Pennsylvania had laws that said it was wrong, rather than risk the spread of all types of disease and death — that's what you were risking...It was a mental health or a physical health and a life and death issue and that's the way it was dealt with."

Renee Martinez of Color United talked about "the level of (police) abuse" endured by all people of color and asked Williams about the "code of silence" — the code of secrecy within the LAPD and other law enforcement organizations which frightens officers into silence about injustices for fear of retribution.

"That's one of the most difficult things we have to do," Williams said. "That exists in every Police Department in the country whether the chief will admit it or not. It's worse than pulling teeth to get people to come out. Number one: get an officer that comes out and reports improprieties whether they're small or big — traditionally that officer is ostracized forever. The officer is harassed, probably physically or mentally, threatening their family — that's what occurs."

"My job in the long term is to try to set up an atmosphere within the organization of treating people in a fair manner, particularly during the general investigation of their complaints. If an officer becomes bold enough to come out and say or do something like that, I have to set an example without exposing that officer too much because you know I'm the chief, I'm OK — they have to go back into the field."

Williams said that in Philadelphia, he made sure that an officer who came forward was commended at roll call, not harassed — holding sergeant and lieutenants accountable to make sure there was no problem. If there was, the superior officer was removed and promotions were held up.

"On a scale of one to 10, how far did we move in my four years? Maybe a two or three at the most in terms of breaking down that code of silence," Williams also said the "code" will no longer be tolerated as an "excuse" for inaction either. "We have to understand we can't have that code of silence because if we keep that code of silence and cover up those things, we're no better than those hardened criminals, we're no different."

Queer National Terry Phipps had the final question. "I don't trust the police. Why should we trust you?" Phipps asked.

"We have to begin that process of change, to start doing things differently inside," Williams said. "I'm going back and talk to my commanders about the issues that were raised, the concerns, the fears, the aggravations, the anger, and let them know that it's a new day and a new direction." ▼



## Senate Bill Calls For End To Military Ban on Gays

By Cliff O'Neill

WASHINGTON — Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, on July 28 introduced to the Senate a bill that would rescind by act of Congress the Pentagon's longstanding ban on lesbians and gays in the armed service.

The measure, sponsored by Metzenbaum and seven of his Senate colleagues, mirrors a pending House proposal sponsored by Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo. The House bill presently has 70 co-sponsors.

"The Pentagon's prohibition of gay men and lesbians serving in the military is as senseless and cruel today as it was when it was first conceived 50 years ago," said Metzenbaum at a Capitol Hill press conference called to announce the measure's introduction.

Flanked by gay and lesbian veterans and activists, the veteran lawmaker denounced the Department of Defense policy as a waste of good members of the service and a waste of tax dollars.

Pointing to the cases of Navy Lt. Col. Tracy Thorne and Army Col. Margaret Cammermeyer, two highly commended officers who were recently discharged for being gay and lesbian, Metzenbaum insisted that the government was throwing away good people without just cause.

Since the 1940s, the Pentagon has maintained the contested policy which states that homosexuality is "incompatible with military service." While in the past, the Department of Defense has suggested that homosexuals make poor soldiers and that they present unusual security risks, now their defense of the policy is solely grounded on the contention that the presence of openly gay individuals in the service is detrimental to "good morale and discipline."

Metzenbaum seized on that defense and insisted that the government's justification of the policy is not based on evidence.

"Defense officials freely admit that the policy is not

based on scientific or empirical data," he said. "I call it baseless prejudice founded on fears and ignorance."

A recent study conducted by the General Accounting Office concluded that training and recruiting costs average \$28,226 for each enlisted person and \$28,226 for each officer. Calculating that the service dismisses an average of 1,000 members of the service a year under the policy, the study reported that the government spent approximately \$491 million over the past 10 years to recruit and train service members it would eventually dismiss on grounds of homosexuality.

Those figures did not include the legal and administrative costs involved in investigating and expelling those lesbians and gay men.

Lawmakers backing the bill called on President Bush to repeal the contested policy, likening the action to President Truman's executive order mandating the racial integration of the armed services.

Bush has said publicly that he does not support repealing the ban. Democratic presidential nominee Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton has pledged to rescind the policy if elected.

Besides Metzenbaum, the original co-sponsors of the bill are Sens. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii; Brock Adams, D-Wash.; Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.; Tom Harkin, D-Iowa; Tim Wirth, D-Colo.; Alan Cranston, D-Calif.; and Paul Wellstone, D-Minn.

All but Harkin and Wirth are also co-sponsors of the federal gay and lesbian rights bill in the Senate.

Rep. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, D-Colo., the only Native American in Congress, on July 27 became the latest co-sponsor of the federal gay and lesbian rights bill.

With Campbell's backing, the measure now boasts 107 official backers in the House. ▼



### Appreciation

In recognition of Rep. Nancy Pelosi's work in the AIDS crisis, the Rev. Stephen Pieters presented congressional aide Steve Morin with a plaque from the AIDS National Interfaith Network and the SF Interreligious Coalition on AIDS.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

## Pennsylvania Men Legally Married

by Rex Wockner

Two Pennsylvania gay men have managed to get legally married by outsmarting the system.

Joey Carney, 33, and Devin Michaels, 23, of East Washington, 25 miles southwest of Pittsburgh, are common-law spouses.

In April, the couple filed for a marriage license at the Washington County Register of Wills office.

The clerk said she thought it was illegal for two men to marry and referred Carney and Michaels to State Solicitor Bob Weinert in Allentown.

Weinert told the couple there is no Pennsylvania law barring gay marriage but that when another gay couple sued for the right to marry several years ago, they lost in court anyway.

Weinert suggested a "backdoor" approach. He urged Carney and Michaels to draw up a statement of marriage, have it notarized before two witnesses, and file it with the Register of Wills.

Weinert said this would make them married under the common-law marriage statute, granting all spousal rights and responsibilities, in-

cluding the need for a legal divorce to unmarry.

The Pennsylvania common-law marriage statute requires only that a couple "prove cohabitation and reputation" and present themselves as married to the public. A statement need not be filed but common-law couples must nonetheless follow legal procedures in the event of divorce.

Carney and Michaels filed their statement, paid \$10 and became husbands.

"When someone tells you you can't do something, don't fly into a fury. Figure out how you can do it," Carney counseled readers of Pittsburgh's gay newspaper, Out.

He said he and Michaels were treated politely by county officials and have received a friendly reception from neighbors and institutions. The local Mellon Bank recognized the marriage for purposes of a loan application, and the two have filed for college financial aid as spouses.

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## Texan Flip Flops on Gay Rights

United Press International

AUSTIN, Texas — A Republican who is running against the only openly gay member of the Texas House has changed his formerly tolerant stance on homosexuality — now proclaiming it a "sin" that threatens American families.

Dick Mallory of Del Valle, who faces state Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin, in the November election, has also changed his stance on abortion rights, which he now opposes.

A Southern Baptist, Mallory said he recently underwent a reaffirmation of his religious faith that caused him to reconsider his stand on homosexuality and abortion rights.

"I allowed compassion, I

guess, to become acceptance," Mallory said.

He said he now sees himself in step with President Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle's campaign for traditional family values.

"By studying the Bible and getting back into my faith, I began to realize that homosexuality is a sin," Mallory said. "I began to have changes in how I look at the abortion issue."

Just seven months ago, Mallory openly courted the gay vote. In a candidate questionnaire for the Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus, he said he supported "full civil rights" for gays and lesbians, including fighting job and housing discrimination, and changing the law to decriminalize homosexual conduct.

Mallory is now using radio commercials to attack Maxey as a gay man who would promote special rights for gays and lesbians. He also wants to keep the sodomy law on the books — not to be enforced — but to discourage the state from spending money to promote gay lifestyles.

Maxey, the state's only openly gay legislator, said the state sodomy law is discriminatory and that state funds are not spent to promote homosexuality. He said he has never advocated any special rights for gays — only the same rights that others enjoy.

Paul von Wupperfeld, president of the Log Cabin Republicans of Texas, said gays and lesbians have become the number one target of the Republican Party. ▼

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# Counting Queers

by Michael C. Botkin

Counting queers is a quirky task. When called upon to calculate the size of their constituency, gay and lesbian rights advocates invariably fall back on the 10 percent figure produced by the incomparable Dr. Kinsey in his classic 1948 sexuality survey. It's easy to calculate, and amounts to a comfortably large number. But even casual scrutiny shows that the 10 percent statistic is meaningless in most contexts.

I do not challenge Kinsey's work itself. It is indisputably the best survey of its sort ever carried out. The sample was large and diverse (nearly 100,000 people); the questions extensive and precise (it took several hours to complete); the process remarkably untainted by moralism. No survey since has come anywhere close to matching it in sophistication or accuracy — and modern attempts to fund follow-ups have invariably been shot down by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., (on the apparent theory that, when it comes to sex, ignorance equals bliss).

But Kinsey was measuring sexual behavior, not sexual orientation identity, and this has led to some misleading modern interpretations of his study. Kinsey never asked anyone "are you gay?"; he asked respondents whether or not they had engaged in certain behaviors. He found that 13 percent of men and 6 percent of women had, in the course of their lives, engaged more in homosexual acts than in heterosexual liaisons. This works out to 9.5 percent of the general population, thus the famous "10 percent."

But already distortion has set in. According to Kinsey, there were twice as many homosexual men as women, but this rather major discrepancy has been buried in the "10 percent" generalization. It's entirely possible that Kinsey's statistic in this regard is accurate. All the major gay/lesbian organizations with mailing lists report that, try as they might, they can never get as many women as men. In fact, they tend to hit a ceiling proportion of about 1/3 women — exactly what we would predict if we were taking Kinsey's stats at face value. If

true, this would mean that the overall "gay community" is two-thirds male and only one-third female. This sounds plausible to me, although of course any such calculation is complicated by the infamous "lesbian invisibility" factor.

Kinsey never hypothesized about why men should be twice as likely to engage in homosexuality as are women. One obvious theory is that women's sexuality is so generally suppressed that they have a harder time discovering their transgressive desires, let alone acting on them. This is just one example of how behavior statistics lose their deeper meaning when they are naively translated into identity stats.

## The Botkin Theory

Having observed a number of queer communities over the years, I've developed the following crude rule-of-thumb for calculating their size. I start by accepting Kinsey's basic finding that 10 percent of the total population is "homosexual"; that is, more inclined towards homosexual behaviors than hetero. But clearly the vast majority of these "homosexuals" never identify as "gay" or "lesbian" or even "bisexual," even to themselves. I guesstimate that 90 percent of Kinsey-defined "homosexuals" consider themselves strictly "heterosexual," whatever dalliances they quietly engage in at this or that highway rest-stop. Thus 10 percent of the population is "homosexual," but only 1 percent is "gay."

In this case I construe "gay" to mean that the person recognizes herself as significantly homosexual even if they don't present this identity to the world at large. They are self-consciously gay, as opposed to their unconscious and subconsciously "homosexual" counterparts. They probably "pass" as straight in most areas of their life, but at least they know who and what they are.

As far as I can tell, only about one in 10 of the above-defined "gays" are "out" to the general public; let's call them "queers." These are people who refuse, or at least are very reluctant, to "pass" as straight. While many "gays"



feel guilty about their sexuality, or at least fear the consequences of "coming out" at work, or to family or friends, "queers" are unapologetic and unrepentant. If the world disapproves, so much the worse for it. If they intend to discriminate on the basis of their prejudice, they must expect to be taken to task for it.

This militant wing is, therefore, the most visible aspect of the broader gay and lesbian community, which is the underlying cause of the never-ending griping about the "unrepresentative" quality of most gay/lesbian pride parades. "Why do all the weirdos show off while the respectable gays stay home?" the moderates ask, as though armed guards were keeping lipstick lesbians and sweater fags confined to their quarters on Pride day. Do they really expect us queers to "dress down" in order to portray the closet-cases too scared of being spotted by mom on TV to march?

In short, the Botkin theory divides the homosexual population into three tiers of ascending self-awareness and visibility. Ten percent of the general population is "homosexual," engaging in gay behaviors but considering themselves straight. Only one percent of the general population is "gay," meaning they recognize themselves as having homosexual preferences, although they "pass" as straight in most or many areas of their lives. Finally, perhaps one-tenth of one percent of the general population is "queer," self-consciously and unabashedly gay or lesbian

and fully visible to the world.

## Spitting Distance

Using these assumptions, I could finally get meaningful estimates of the size of "the gay and lesbian community." The greater Chicago area, for example, has a population of 6 million, which by the 10 percent standard would suggest a "gay community" of 600,000. This is clearly not the case. Applying the Botkin theory produced a more meaningful estimate of a base of 60,000 "gays" (about 40,000 men and 20,000 women) of whom 6,000 were "queer," or highly visible. These results were more in line with what I could observe directly. The largest gay and lesbian demonstrations in Chicago's history (including annual Pride parades) were, perhaps, just about six thousand strong.

It's easier to test such theories in smaller areas, where you can get a more precise measure of the total size of the community. For example, the college town of Carbondale, in southern Illinois, has a population of about 50,000, and by the 10 percent standard a "gay community" of 5,000. But it was painfully obvious to those of us in the campus gay and lesbian group that our constituency was far smaller. If one were to count everyone you ever saw at "the bar" ("Main Street": the only gay bar for a 50 mile radius), at the MCC, at the campus group, and all other "gay" venues and functions, you could maybe sum up a grand total of 500 people.

And this would be the "gays," the vast majority of whom were totally closeted. Counting all of the openly gay people in the region, including the handful of "out" women faculty (absolutely none of the male professors were openly gay), the members of the campus group, the public members of the MCC, the bartenders at Main Street, etc., you could with difficulty

identify a few dozen.

Although rural regions suppress the open expression of gayness, academic environments encourage it. I figure those two influences cancel each other out in the above calculations. (Campus surveys, by the way, tend to find that 2 to 3 percent of the student population identify themselves as "gay." This is likely not an undercount of the Kinsey 1 percent, but rather reflects the liberal campus atmosphere which greatly magnifies the usual proportion of "queers.")

Thus, according to the Botkin theory, the United States, with a total population of about 250 million, has a gay community (counting closeted "gays" and open "queers" but excluding the straight-identified "homosexuals") of around 2.5 million. Of these, perhaps 250,000 are "queer" or mostly open about their sexuality. Now we're in the ball park with the numbers counted at the 1987 March on Washington. We're also within spitting distance of other reported statistics, like The Advocate's mailing list (about 120,000).

My guess is that the proportion of "homosexuals" in the general population is pretty stable and unlikely to vary. The number of "gays" is probably more prone to local variation, depending on the social and political forces at play. The "queer" population is certainly the most changeable, swelling or shrinking in response to immediate circumstances. A protective environment, like most college campuses or San Francisco, encourages "gays" to be open, while repressive regions drive all but the most unrepentant queers underground. While the current research supporting the genetic basis of homosexuality might have some truth to it, this theory suggests that political action has the potential to liberate the majority of gays and lesbians currently held prisoner by "the closet." ▼

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## Magic Johnson May Return to Lakers

United Press International

LOS ANGELES - Fresh from gold-medal victory in Barcelona, Magic Johnson has decided to come out of retirement and return to the Lakers.

In an interview following his Olympic victory, Johnson, who is HIV-positive, told reporters that he was considering a return to professional basketball, preferably in a Laker's uniform.

But sources told the Los Angeles Times that Johnson has definitely decided he will go for it and will change his mind only if tests show his condition has deteriorated.

Johnson announced his retirement from basketball Nov. 7 after learning that he was carrying the HIV virus in an insurance physical.

Soon after, Johnson started taking AZT.

Johnson's physician, Dr. David Ho, initially advised his patient to give basketball up. Johnson will meet with Ho this week, to see if there were any ill affects from his Olympic involvement.

Johnson last week continued his crusade against AIDS by asking the head of the International Olympic Committee to help promote the fight against the disease.

"I want them to help get the word out about HIV," Johnson said after a meeting with IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Johnson received the support of Samaranch during a brief meeting at the hotel serving as IOC headquarters during the Barcelona Games.

"I have promised him that he will have the help of the IOC and the Olympic Movement," Samaranch told a

news conference. "In what way, we will see."

Johnson said he, in conjunction with NBA Commissioner David Stern and AIDS authorities, would work out a "game plan" after the Olympics in which the IOC could help the cause.

Samaranch did not promise that the IOC would contribute funds to medical research seeking a cure for the disease. However, he did not rule out such a donation.

Johnson wasn't bothered by any lack of funding, saying the publicity the IOC can give the fight is worth more than a monetary contribution.

"The IOC has a great ability to reach people," Johnson said. "Look at how many people are here and how many lives they touch. If they can touch all these people, they can help."

"This man next to me (Samaranch) is one of the most well-known men in the world. We need his voice. This man can carry a big bat, not a small bat."

Johnson also took a moment to criticize President Bush for his lack of support in leading the battle against the killer virus.

"Our understanding (in the United States) has to get better," Johnson said. "That's why I say the president has to do more. He hasn't said that it's a crisis and he needs to do that."

Johnson, who was given a position on the President's Commission on AIDS shortly after his forced retirement from the NBA, has threatened to resign his post to protest the lack of progress by the board. ▼



### AEF Benefit

Sharon McNight, Gail Wilson, Pamela Brooks and Samantha Samuels serenaded Trinity bar owner Joe Ellis at the AIDS Emergency Fund benefit Aug. 4.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

## U.S. Airforce Accused of Infecting Man With AIDS and Not Telling Him

United Press International

SAN ANTONIO - A young mother has filed a \$16 million lawsuit against the Air Force, alleging that Lackland Air Force Base officials waited four months to tell her husband

that he was infected with HIV.

Charity Krouse said she and her newborn son have tested HIV-positive and that her husband, Douglas, contracted the virus when he was given routine shots during ba-

sic training at Lackland last summer.

Her claim and a subsequent one on behalf of her son, Christopher, allege that Douglas Krouse contracted HIV "as a result of the negli-

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## Boston Hotel Must Pay For AIDS Discrimination

United Press International

BOSTON - The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, ruling on its first AIDS discrimination complaint, ordered a Boston hotel to pay \$30,000 to the estate of a waiter who claimed he was harassed because he had the deadly disease.

The ruling ordered the Boston Harbor Hotel to pay \$30,000 to the estate of Douglas McKinley for emotional distress he suffered after he was allegedly harassed when the hotel perceived he had AIDS.

McKinley, of Cambridge, died in October at the age of 40.

The order issued by MCAD Commissioner Michael T. Duffy was hailed as a breakthrough for workers with AIDS and a "clear signal that discrimination against people with HIV will simply not be tolerated in this state."

Duffy also ordered the hotel to institute a civil rights and AIDS awareness program.

An attorney for the hotel,

Jonathan Greenbaum, said the hotel disagreed with the ruling and "will explore the possibility of an appeal."

If the decision is not appealed within 10 days, it becomes the commission's ruling.

McKinley had been rated a top waiter at the hotel where he had worked since 1987. He took a sick leave in 1990, and when he returned he looked pale and thin. That's when the harassment started, according to the ruling.

McKinley was then given less lucrative waiting stations, and he was yelled at in public for his job performance, which the hotel said worsened when he returned from sick leave.

McKinley, who was openly gay, never told his employers that he had been diagnosed with HIV.

Duffy concluded that the law protects not only those infected with HIV, but also those who are treated poorly because they are perceived to be infected with the disease.

McKinley said in his complaint that the mistreatment caused him to have nightmares. ▼

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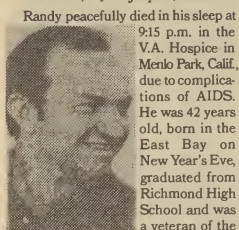
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### Randy Lee Cunningham

Dec. 31, 1949–July 23, 1992



Randy peacefully died in his sleep at 9:15 p.m. in the V.A. Hospice in Menlo Park, Calif., due to complications of AIDS. He was 42 years old, born in the East Bay on New Year's Eve, graduated from Richmond High School and was a veteran of the

Vietnam War. Randy was known for his lighthearted spirit and unique ability to bring joy and laughter to any situation. He enjoyed two-stepping, waltzing, Patsy Cline, water skiing, camping and snow skiing. He made fun happen wherever he was.

He is preceded in death by a brother and his mother, Alice Cunningham. He is survived by his father, Woody Cunningham, of Norman, Okla.; his brother Wayne Cunningham of Edmund, Okla.; and his three nephews Mark Cunningham of Hayward, Dean Cunningham of Pinole and Andy Cunningham of El Sobrante.

Randy will be missed by his many friends and family. His nephew Mark may be contacted at (510) 317-9823 or his friend Lynn McCasland at (505) 242-3933.

Randy, we miss you. ▼

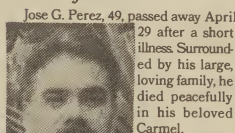
### Kenneth D. Carter

Dec. 31, 1947–Aug. 6, 1992

Kenneth died at Coming Home Hospice of AIDS. He leaves behind his Tennessee family of mother, sister, Lulu, and Melanie and Lois. He also leaves his California family of Anne, Andrew, Beth and Greg and many other special friends too numerous to list. "A note of appreciation and highest respect goes to Dr. Stephen Becker who cared for me along this path," he had said. "Take care of each other and have a dance with my name on it."

A private memorial will be held. Donations to Coming Home Hospice are preferred. ▼

### Jose G. Perez



Jose G. Perez, 49, passed away April 29 after a short illness. Surrounded by his large, loving family, he died peacefully in his beloved Carmel. His many friends in the Bay Area will gather in San Francisco to celebrate his life on Sunday, Aug. 23. Call 552-0250 for details. ▼

### Jeffrey W. Schmidt

March 9, 1951–July 1, 1992

Jeff died at home on July 1. He is survived by his partner Roger and his dog Pharoah; sisters Melanie and Pamela; and father, John.

Jeff's wit, creativity and generosity of spirit will live on in the minds of all who knew him.

It is a wonder still. ▼

### Michael Bosler



Michael died on July 30 at Davies Medical Center in San Francisco. He will be missed a lot by his lover Victor and lots of friends and family. ▼

### David Nelson Doyle (Dave)

Feb. 18, 1948–July 28, 1992

Our friend and loved one passed peacefully in his sleep at UCSF. He and I were several things: lovers, brothers in Christ and best friends! He is survived by his father, mother and two brothers, as well as many friends.

Dave was a spectacular athlete and swimmer, and had been awarded many medals at the YMCA and various swim meets including the Gay Olympics, and various certificates of honor and achievement.

His passion was reading and writing. His penmanship was illuminating. His creative skills were prodigious in nature. He was a great literary loss, comparable to Hugo, Dumas or even Hailey. Dave was foremost in co-authoring "Survival in the 90's," the first manual about fighting the AIDS crisis.

Always helpful, he taught heart patients low impact aerobics and fit them in between his regular physical and swimming classes. He served as maintenance worker for the care and upkeep of the YMCA's operation.

Dave's friends would like to thank the staff at Greenview Memorial Hospital and Mount Zion and UCSF. Their professionalism made a stressful situation less grueling.

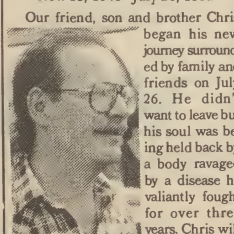
Rick O and Steve G., many thanks for your love and help in finding a place in your hearts and bringing that special person to Dave's 40th birthday party.

A small family service was held in Sacramento. Please send donations in David's name to the STOP AIDS Project, 201 Sanchez St., SF, CA 94114.

Farewell sweet prince, you're finally home! ▼

### Chris Devon Anderson

Nov. 18, 1949–July 26, 1992



Our friend, son and brother Chris began his new journey surrounded by family and friends on July 26. He didn't want to leave but his soul was being held back by a body ravaged by a disease he valiantly fought for over three years. Chris will be remembered for his love of life, his unwavering devotion to friends and family, his quick and infectious sense of humor, and his uncanny ability of keeping you just slightly off center.

Born and raised in Idaho, he lived for several years in Utah, and finally found "home" in San Francisco in 1980. Chris spent two years in Mexico where he learned to love a people rich in culture and language.

Chris loved being around and helping people and spent many happy years working in the hospitality industry. He loved the ballet, being on his family ranch in Salmon, Idaho, partying with friends and world travel.

Chris leaves behind his mother, Dorothy; his brothers and sisters Don, LaDean, Klane, Shawna, Joni, Ryan, Jill, Jay Lynn; and his close friends Dennis, Stuart, Gerry, Karri, Robin, Patrick, Doug, Ron, Steve, Skip, et al.

A celebration of life is being arranged. Contact Skip at 885-6791 for details. ▼

## Randy Klose



Randy Klose

Randy Klose, Co-Chair of the Board of Directors of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, died peacefully at his Washington, D.C. home on Aug. 6, after a long battle with AIDS. For the past five years, Randy devoted all his time, energy and financial resources to help find a cure for AIDS and equality for gay and lesbian Americans. He worked to support people with HIV disease and to change public attitudes and public policy regarding HIV. On June 1, 1987, Randy was arrested at a White House demonstration protesting the Reagan-Bush silence on AIDS, and he maintained a close affinity with direct action groups such as ACT UP. He generously contributed to AIDS service organizations and virtually every gay and lesbian civil rights and advocacy organization doing the critical work of public policy change.

In 1988, he provided the funding for lobbying and grassroots mobilization needed to enact the "AIDS Research and Information Act," the first federal legislation that acknowledged the need for a special national research effort to combat HIV disease. Senator Edward M. Kennedy, chief sponsor of the legislation, said that "Randy was determined that homophobia and irrational fear not prevent this country from investing its resource and its genius in the battle against AIDS. His courage and inspiration helped us to enact the first federal AIDS research effort. And at every stage of the continuing battle, Randy Klose was there, ready and willing to give whatever was needed to get the work done. In Randy's name, there is much more we need to do together."

Connecticut Governor Lowell P. Weicker, who was the Republican force for the AIDS Research and Information Act in the Senate, said that "Randy Klose was very, very active and instrumental in helping to free up crucial federal research dollars for AIDS. His impact on the federal health care scene and his work and friendship with many people in the health care field will be missed."

Randy, who celebrated his 37th birthday July 27, served on the Campaign Fund Board since 1987 and was elected co-chair in November 1990. Vic Basile, executive director of the Campaign Fund from 1983 until 1989 recalled, "At first Randy focused solely on AIDS research, but over time he became passionate about discrimination issues as well. He became impatient with the slow pace of progress on gay and lesbian equality."

In the summer of 1991, Randy traveled to Russia with dozens of American, lesbian and gay activists, including Basile, to participate in the International Lesbian and Gay Human Rights Commission. The trip, which provided energy and enthusiasm to the developing gay and lesbian communities of the former Soviet bloc, had a profound effect on Randy. He returned to America with a renewed commitment to the cause of equality

ty and our community.

Randy's vision of full equality and dignity for lesbian and gay Americans was a driving force for the Campaign Fund whose annual budget had grown during Randy's tenure on the Board from \$1 million to \$5 million. His fundraising abilities, especially in one-on-one solicitations from his peers, were formidable. Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Campaign Fund since 1989 stated, "Randy actually enjoyed challenging other gay men and lesbians to contribute to worthwhile gay and AIDS-related causes. He knew personally, and was able to convey to others, that their own empowerment and self-esteem were best enhanced by contributing money to end the deep discrimination they had all experienced but were trying to deny."

Recollections of Randy, his passion for life and adventure, his loyalty to people and causes, his impatience with routine and complacency, and his love of drama and kitsch overflow in the minds of those who knew him — his sister Carol Lee Klose and Carolyn Seale; his brother Gary Klose and his wife Rebecca; and Randy's nieces Joanna and Suzanne, all of San Antonio; Randy's lover Ken Aldrich; those who served with him on the board of directors of the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Los Angeles and the Triangle Institute; and his many friends in New York where he formerly resided and in Los Angeles where he resided several years prior to 1991. As one close friend, George Graupera, of Washington recalled: "Randy's soul was enormous. He was never satisfied with the small gesture. Holding back made no sense to him. He hated closets and he loved the Grand Canyon." Randy's remains at his request will be left at the Grand Canyon. A memorial service for Randy Klose will be held Saturday, Oct. 10, 1992, in Washington, D.C.

Gifts in Randy's memory may be sent to the Randy Klose Memorial Fund of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, 1012 14th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20005. The Campaign Fund is the nation's largest lesbian and gay organization. It will announce its plans for a tribute to Randy in the near future. ▼

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## Obituaries

### Michael Gregory Clayton

June 24, 1960-July 24, 1992

Michael died of an accidental drug overdose one month after his 32nd birthday. He is survived by his parents, Mel and Margaret; his sisters Trish and Dorothy; and many friends. Michael was born into life with curiosity and a sense of adventure. In his youth, he was a fine musician; he loved classical and punk music. He also enjoyed "beach life" and was at his best around the ocean. Michael enjoyed dancing and loved the SF bar scene.

He tested HIV positive and faced his crisis through humor and sensitivity. He felt pain and suffering; that is a given here on earth. He was his "own man" and dared to be as he was.

As his sister, growing up with Michael was a joy: tickle fights, shared secrets, laughter. I will miss him deeply and his essence will remain forever in my heart.

His friends feel fortunate to have known him and have been a part of his life. His penchant for bestowing affectionate nicknames and his silly rituals (like the good morning song while waving to the neighbors), will endure in our memories. Mr. Winkie, now every day is a good hair day. We love you — you'll always be in our hearts. ▼

### Harry [Barry] Coyle

June 23, 1945-June 17, 1992

A quiet, humble artist who loved and knew more opera and classical music than anyone I have ever met, Harry left struggle behind and passed quickly into the arms of God.

A phone company employee for over 10 years, he is survived by his beloved mother, Ruth; his sister Janice; and his brother Bryan. His final 40 x 40 canvas was completed weeks before his death.

He died of bone cancer brought on by faithfully taking toxic AZT for three years. He finally accepted the opinions of his activist brother and stopped the AZT, and increased the antifungal treatments to fight the candidiasis, which is the major suppressor (not HIV). Three years of AZT and three bouts of pneumocystis had taken their toll.

His tender humor and warm, loving ways will be missed greatly! We love you, Barry. ▼

### Nathan Neal Biard

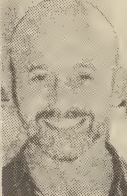
Nathan died in this city July 29 at the age of 23 of an aortic aneurysm. He is the beloved son of Ernie and Shelly; brother of Van; grandson of Charles and Cleo Biard and Carrie Hampson; uncle of Zekiel and brother-in-law of Melinda; dear nephew of Ronnie and Melissa and Gail Biard, Kathy and Dennis Retherford, Herschel and Jeanne and Kent Hampson, Rebecca and Angus Smith, and Pixie and Clay Hollen; cousin of Justin, Jenna, Josh, Tara, Craig, Stephanie, Ross, Miranda, Luther, Drew and Aaron; close friend of Jim, Michael and Jim; and friend of Scott, Danny, James, Michael, James, Scott, Ric, Chris, Joanna, Stephen, Kirk, Chad, Craig, Natasha, Bernie, Eileen, Sonja, Randy, Jeremy, Cathy, Chip, Luis, Jeff, John and Dana. He was laid to rest Aug. 5 in his hometown of Cortez, Colo.

For his friends and family here, a memorial service will be held on Aug. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, SF.

In recognition of his artistic talent and of his lifelong desire to become an architect, family and friends have established a scholarship fund. Send contributions to the Nathan N. Biard Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 192826, SF, CA 94105. ▼

### David Travers

David died Saturday, July 25. He was



a real personality and character, an admirer of achievement in the arts, music and skating, and he had a love for life filled with his generosity.

He was an up person.

David came to San Francisco from New York to represent the Murray Space Shoe Corp.

Working as a volunteer for the AIDS Foundation, 18th Street Services and many other service organizations allowed David to give support and love to others.

We will miss David.

— Robert Hutchinson ▼

### Snowflake

(aka Glen Alan Zehrbaugh)

1928-1992

Longtime SF resident, South of Market denizen and artist, Snowflake died from AIDS August 5. Thanks to the staff at UCSF for all their support. ▼

### Sam Lawman

Nov. 6, 1955-July 12, 1992

Sam was reborn into the astral plane



July 12. He was born in Chattanooga, Tenn. Soon after coming of age, he moved to SF, where he worked as a waiter at the Golden Eagle. Sam made Sonoma County his home in the '80s and worked at

Gratsianos in Petaluma.

Sam was a lifelong weaver of rugs and tapestry, a love that consumed him. Sam was diagnosed with PCP in Nov. 1985, and after a lengthy recovery started attending support groups and seminars for growth.

Sam was a sought-after speaker at Northern California universities, colleges, JCs, medical institutions and public service groups. He conveyed a message of hope through knowledge, love and honesty.

Sam was a founding member of ACT UP/Sonoma County. Politically he was very active in making services available to PWAs.

Sam is survived by his mother and father, Ava and Ed; brothers David and Tom; sister Elsie; and lover Charley. ▼

## Obituary Policy

Due to an unfortunately large number of obituaries, Bay Area Reporter has been forced to change its obituary policy.

We must now restrict obits to 200 words. And please, no poetry. We reserve the right to edit for style, clarity, grammar, and taste.

Write name of person on back of photo. If you include a stamped envelope to have the photo returned, please write the person's name on the inside of the envelope flap.

Deadline for all obituaries is Monday at 5 p.m. ▼

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## CUAV

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of Barbara Cameron, the agency's executive director and her replacement by Michael Thompson, who resigned from the agency's board to replace Cameron.

"We met with them and basically agreed to extend the contract for 90 days and at the end of that period, we'll make a decision whether to continue to fund the services for another nine months with CUAV or put the contract out to bid to other community groups," said District Attorney Arlo Smith.

Smith told the Bay Area Reporter that the counseling and prevention and education services provided to the lesbian and gay community, including victims of hate violence and gay male domestic violence "are essential" and that he hopes that the agency can "get back on track."

But, Smith acknowledged, he has also met with critics of the agency who believe the agency doesn't provide adequate services.

"And our concern is with victims who need the services, although it has over the years done a very fine job," Smith said.

The three-month contract is a probationary contract," Medley told the Bay Area Reporter.

"The first issue to that the agency has to provide the services and be able to prove that they are doing it," Medley said.

Medley said that the program evaluations provided the DA's office "do not enumerate if the services have been delivered. And that's imperative. And that question hasn't been answered yet. We can't tell based on their reports."

Some of the problem is inadequate record keeping at the agency, Medley said and that's reflective of the "structural organizational problems" in the agency.

"There's a report by a staff person that indicates that services were being provided but it showed up in a report to the board and not in the quarterly report."

The services the agency provides with the \$124,000 yearly funding from the DA's Victim Witness Program include counseling and information and referral services to victims of gay bashing and gay male domestic violence, educating high school students about anti-lesbian and gay hate violence, the distribution of safety whistles and brochures and safety monitoring of community events.

The management chaos raises questions of whether the agency has the organizational ability to "provide services and do it with quality," Medley said.

"I care more about the services going to the community than assisting an agency meeting its payroll, no matter how fond I am of that agency or its staff. The services have got to be out there," she said.

"The agency needs community support. Its board should be expanded to 12 members and should reflect the diversity of the community. There are great resources in the lesbian and gay community to assist the agency and to help it do its work," Medley said.

"We're immediately calling for a special internal audit," Thompson. "There will be a review of where we are to date and we are going to have

an outsider come in an look at our fiscal systems."

Although Thompson said that the management problems "are serious," he's committed to developing adequate reporting and tracking systems to document the agency's performance and contract services.

"At the end of three months, we hope to have everything turned around, with adequate systems in place, roles clarified and a happy staff," he said.

Thompson acknowledged that staff morale at the agency is low.

Attempts by the Bay Area Reporter to talk to staff about the agency situation were rebuffed.

Thompson said that press contacts about the internal situation at the agency were a management and board function. ▼

message and answered every objection — this is unbelievable."

However, President Pro Tem of the Senate, David Roberti, D-Los Angeles, stepped into the breach to keep the legislation alive. Although the committee chairperson, Sen. Robert Presley, D-Riverside, opposes the bill, Roberti persuaded him to grant a waiver that will move the bill onto the Senate floor without another vote. The waiver is reserved for bills that will have no fiscal impact.

"We're just lucky that David Roberti was able to help save this legislation," McBride said. "I'm going to do everything I can to get this bill on the Senate floor and on to Pete Wilson's desk as soon as possible. If he's gonna veto it — then let him do it honestly. He just doored us and then left town — so everybody's left to cope with the mess."

A similar set of circumstances as those for AB 2601 was played out with AB 3019, the gay and lesbian rights bill authored by Assemblymember John Vasconcellos, D-San Jose, as it passed out of Senate Appropriations on waivers.

Speaker Willie Brown's Omnibus Civil Rights Bill, AB 3825, which includes the language of the vetoed AB 101, is up for reconsideration in Senate Appropriations later in the week. ▼

## AB 2601

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the bill — thus leaving the bill one vote short of passage.

Capitol insiders are certain that Wilson called upon his more than 20-year friendship with Beverly and asked him to withdraw his "yes" vote.

According to Laurie McBride, executive director for the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality, "The Governor tried to kill the bill. He's saying that he's going to veto his own veto message (on AB 101) — AB 2601 was crafted from his AB 101 veto

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For people with Kaposi's sarcoma and at least 5 untreated lesions. DuanoXome is provided at no cost to patient.

### Itraconazole versus Fluconazole

For people with AIDS related Cryptococcal Meningitis. There are two studies, one for Treatment and one for maintenance to prevent relapse. Itraconazole and Fluconazole are provided at no cost to patient.

For more information about these and other studies contact HIVCare Client Coordinator Drew Catapano at (415) 353-6215. HIVCare is a program of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, 900 Hyde Street, San Francisco.



# Love and Risk

by Dennis Conkin

I have a friend who went to the Cyberwhatever Be-In last Friday night and ordered one of those stimulating nutrient brain food wonder drinks from the rave's "smart bar," drank the potion down, and promptly fell fast asleep.

Perchance to dream?

I don't know, my friend sometimes dreams in a marvelously elaborate kind of visual geometry, but what's compelling besides the irony is the theme: a meeting of the tribes, magic elixirs and potions, the latest cultural mutations and expressions of states of consciousness. Music and dance and light shows and more.

Maybe you had to be there and I wasn't, but it seemed in the telling quite an adventure,

quite a ride on a rare and spontaneous and psychedelic, psychic wave.

If our lives are a reflection of our journey through our psyches, as the pundits say,

## Commentary

and our cultural experience is one expression of that (shared) journey, I wonder what we can tell about ourselves by our experience, by the events we participate in, by what happens to us individually and en masse.

There's a place I frequent almost every Saturday morning that seems to be a kind of intersection between the worlds for me, a kind of psychic way station where I get a sense of the state of mind of the lesbian and gay communi-

ty, of a part of myself.

Castro Street.

It's only a glimpse, of course, just one mainstream reflection, but it's still a kind of sacred place where many of us travelers meet on our journey.

And I've had so much experience on Castro Street, from being a 19-year-old, long hair and living on 17th when the Twin Peaks was still a straight bar and the cops busted people for cruising the street, to meeting the love of my life at the B of A corner during the march back from the AB 101 riots, to coming to terms over tears and coffee with friends in the Village Deli that love is about freedom and letting go of expectations.

I'm sorry I missed the psychedelic phantasmagoria, it sounds like a lot of fun. I had spent Saturday morning drinking my own magic elixir from Spinelli's at the corner of 18th and Castro and watching the colorful show.

Castro Street's an interesting perch from which to view the world.

And, problematic though it may be, it's our fucking street. ▼

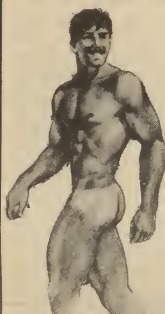


## Zany 'Zine

Cory Roberts Auli and W. Wayne Karr get to the point in their funny, powerful, sex-positive, "In Your Face" performance reading of excerpts from their 'zine "Infected Faggots." The Aug. 7 reading at A Different Light Bookstore in West Hollywood also included readings from Kirk Wilson, Marco F. Lopez and Keiko Lane. The reading was so well attended that branch manager Richard Gray is suggesting a reading at their San Francisco store.

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## Fife's Resort For Sale Again

by Kurt Johnson

Fife's Resort in the Russian River town of Guerneville, is back on the market again after a prospective buyer who wanted to turn it into a "family style resort" failed to comply with his contractual agreement.

Sam Northern Jr., who planned to change Fife's Resort, as well as other Russian River properties, couldn't come up with the additional funding he needed to purchase the property, and to fulfill his contract.

"There were certain provisions of the contract that Northern didn't comply with and, therefore, defaulted," said Joe McClelland, real estate broker for the resort. "His deposit was returned and, therefore, he is no longer a buyer at this point."

McClelland wouldn't elaborate on what those provisions were, saying they were confidential. He also said Northern could come back as a prospective buyer at any time.

Northern put down a \$5,000 deposit and signed a tentative agreement to buy Fife's in April.

McClelland said that while the property was tied up in escrow, there were several other prospective buyers waiting on the sidelines to see if Northern would actually complete his deal.

"Now that he is not, we're actively showing it and talking to people," McClelland said. "We do not have an of-

fer on the table at this moment, but we're going back into a marketing program and we're going to find a buyer."

Fife's was owned by Peter Pender who died of an AIDS-related illness. Since his death, Fife's has been for sale.

Pender bought Fife's in the 1970s and turned it into the first gay resort on the Russian River. Pender is said to have paved the way for other resorts to cater to the gay community. ▼

## Nicaragua President Signs Anti-Sodomy Law

by Dennis Conkin

strikes everywhere," Asis said.

Nicaraguan President Violetta Chamorro signed a new penal code into law on July 8 that makes sodomy a crime punishable by up to four years in prison.

The bill, according to Enrique Asis, Latin American Coordinator of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, was passed by the country's National Assembly on June 11 and signed by Chamorro without informing the press or the opposition Sandinista party.

"I really don't know why she signed it. I suppose it's a combination of conservative forces and the Roman Catholic Church," Asis told the Bay Area Reporter. "But that's just a supposition."

Word that Chamorro signed the measure did not reach gay leaders until last week.

"There is anarchy and chaos in Nicaragua. There are

According to Nicaraguan law, the new penal code cannot be enforced until it has been published, an event that has not yet occurred, Asis said.

After it is published, opponents have two months to challenge its constitutionality before the country's Supreme Court.

The measure will be challenged by the Nicaraguan Center For Constitutional Rights in Managua.

"While other countries are making progress on human rights issue, the Nicaraguan government is moving backward," Asis said in a press statement.

"States of the former Soviet Union have begun to repeal sodomy laws while Nicaragua is enacting Latin America's most repressive anti-sodomy legislation."

The law defines sodomy as "the cohabitation between individuals of the same sex." ▼



## Wall Street Journal

Compiled by Hollie Conley

Eleven years into the AIDS epidemic we're still having to fight those who say that people with AIDS are to blame for their illness and that homosexuality, not a virus, is the cause of the disease. Even more incredible is that the people who say such things show up not only at Ku Klux Klan rallies, but also in places like the Wall Street Journal.

The Aug. 6 Journal included an opinion piece from Irving Kristol of the paper's Board of Contributors entitled "AIDS and False Innocence." Ignoring rampant discrimination and hatred, Kristol asserted that people with AIDS are lionized with righteousness in our society.

"Why are all victims of AIDS treated as innocent victims when so many are responsible for their condition by their own actions?" Kristol asked, going on to lament the fact that this "idea of innocence... legitimates all those celebrity fund-raising parties... [and] encourages the victims to organize public demonstrations, exhibitions and protests — all of which receive respectful attention from the media."

Perhaps most shocking of all, Kristol became so carried away with his moralizing that he gave out blatant medical misinformation. Throwing virulence and epidemiology in the trash can, he asserted that "the AIDS epidemic has its roots in certain forms of human behavior... AIDS is a disease that seems to have been born out of homosexual anal intercourse." He also complained about a recent Newsweek story because it implied that a teenager has become HIV infected because she had unsafe sex, and not, as Kristol would have it, because she did not live by Kristol's moral code.

Kristol's piece, which would have been infuriating but not surprising in a supermarket tabloid, was dignified by publication in the Wall Street Journal. The Journal certainly has a right to print hate pieces, but if so they should include a countering opinion. They even have a right to publish medical misinformation, but they should at least let their readers know they're doing so.

Write to Robert L. Bartley, editor, The Wall Street Journal, 200 Liberty Street, New York, N.Y. 10281, tel. 212-416-2000.

### Donahue

On July 27 the Phil Donahue show broadcast a show addressing the question "How much do today's teens know about homosexuality?" The program featured Bob and Rod Jackson Paris, two professional body-builders who are married, answering questions from an audience of teenagers. The teens selected for the audience were diverse, both homophobic and well-informed and from different economic and ethnic groups. They asked questions about coming out, homophobia, harassment, gay parenting and AIDS, among other things.

The program seemed to be

a positive learning experience for all in the audience — lesbian, gay and straight. You may thank Donahue for this intelligent approach to the issues by writing to Phil Donahue, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10023.

### Tri-Valley Herald

The lead editorial in the Aug. 9 Tri-Valley Herald, a Pleasanton based newspaper, condemned the recent decision by BART to extend health benefits to partners of lesbian and gay employees. Under the headline "BART decision is discriminatory," the paper argued that the decision "panders to the homosexual population in San Francisco at the expense of taxpayers throughout the three-county BART area." It also said that in giving partners of lesbian and gay employees the same benefits as legal spouses of heterosexuals, the BART directors "deliberately discriminated against heterosexuals and singled out gay and lesbian couples for special — and, for our part, entirely unwarranted — treatment."

Not only did the paper ignore the fact that the decision attempts to redress a legal injustice — that lesbian and gay people are barred from legal marriage and from all the special privileges that go with it; it pandered to homophobia by pretending that the "homosexual population in San Francisco" is wasting the money of good, tax-paying heterosexuals.

You may respond to this garbage by writing to Letters to the Editor, The Tri-Valley Herald, P.O. Box 10367, Pleasanton CA 94588-0367, fax 510-734-8043.

### US

The August edition of US magazine, a "special issue" on "The Sexual Revolution in Movies, Music & TV" and guaranteed to be a big seller, included a great piece on lesbian and gay depictions in cinema. The writer, openly gay director Tom Kalin spoke from personal experience about the need for positive lesbian and gay images, and about the damage done by the relentless stereotyping of Hollywood films. It was great to see not only an out-of-the-closet writer in US, but also an intelligent discussion of "heterosexual paranoia" as manifested in films like "Cruising," "Bird on a Wire," "Basic Instinct," and others.

Write to Ian Birch, Editor, US, 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York NY 10104.

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## Benten

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point."

"Not to mention that they're not good enough, I mean I don't feel like I'm good enough to raise my baby. How dare they think that I'd think that they'd be good enough, that I would trust them to be better parents than I would be, when I don't trust myself enough to be a good parent," she said.

Was all of this worth it? Does Benten think she's made a difference?

"I really question its effectiveness," she said. "I have different theories about what causes people to do things and causes political stuff to happen. It's great that people are talking about it. Maybe this is going to change people's minds, or maybe it will make people more conscious about how little the Supreme Court really gives about women's health or how much the Bush administration really cares about women's health."

"I'm not going to get invested in trying to figure that out. I have an ongoing debate about what causes people to change and this is part of that debate for me. I can never really know what happened. It's too big of a country."

Despite her lack of enthusiasm for the issue of RU486, her acute discomfort in the public eye, and her anger with annoying pro-lifers, Benten said that she does not regret her decision to smuggle in the drug.

"I might have used a different name. But I do not regret it at all," she said. "I definitely feel like it was the thing to do and I did it. And I would do it again."▼

## Abortion Pill

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ban were lifted, RU-486 would be about the same price as a surgical abortion, a price that is out of reach for many women.

"It does have a place and purpose, but when I think of RU-486, I think we need to bring it into this country with the commitment to making it accessible to all women, regardless of cost or geography," Martinez says.

When it comes to funding reproductive health, Martinez says the government has been frighteningly biased.

"The state of California made available \$9 million for Norplant for women on Medicaid, while funding no other birth control methods. We feel they're doing this because Norplant is a five-year plan, so that certain women won't be reproducing."

"Forced sterilization continues to happen despite legislation against it," Martinez said, adding that often public service announcements in English mention several options for birth control, while the "translation" in Spanish mentions only sterilization.

While she sees RU-486 and surgical abortion as important issues in themselves, Martinez says that "so much attention is going to abortion right now, it's to the detriment of other health needs."

"Reproductive rights is not just about abortion, it's about women being able to have choices about when and with whom and how they have kids. You can't talk about self-determination for women until all women have the op-

tions to make those decisions. That's fairly basic, I think," Benten agrees.▼

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## Women

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Queer Nation to the battles for women's rights.

Several women left WAC/San Francisco's first meeting in frustration with the size of the crowd and their inability to hear the group's organizers, but most women walking out early seemed hopeful about the overwhelming response.

"I haven't been able to hear hardly anything, but if all these people come back, that's great," one exiting woman said.

Others were skeptical that the group would actually be

fighting for the rights of all women. Two serious concerns about the philosophy and approach of the organization that were raised during the meeting were brushed off by the facilitators, who were attempting to move quickly through the agenda of the unwieldy first gathering.

"I would look to see if they're truly looking at the interests of all women, including Third World women," a woman who wished to remain anonymous said.

But the dominant response of women leaving the meeting was one of cautious optimism.

"I hope this will be a way to act together with a group of women to affect change in a humorous way. I'm optimistic," Cindy Bridges, a new WAC member, said. ▼

## Brownie Mary

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"I feel optimistic about it. The hearing went so well. It was so powerful. All three members of the committee (Supps. Roberta Achtenberg, Angela Alioto, and Thomas Hsieh) seemed convinced," Hallinan said. "People thought it was a joke when this issue first came up, but it's no joke. It's very serious."

Medical marijuana proponents held a "Free Brownie Mary" rally and concert on Aug. 7. About 500 people attended the event, which was basically an outdoor party with a few speeches and a lot of music stretching from the steps of City Hall through the Civic Center Plaza.

Brownie Mary's trial is scheduled to begin on Aug. 25.

"My kids need this," Rathbun told the Examiner after her arrest, "and I'm ready to go to jail for my principles. I'm not going to cut any deals with them (the prosecutors). If I go to jail, I go to jail. I'm 70 years old. I can handle jail."

Hallinan is currently working on a resolution to urge the Sonoma County District Attorney to have "leniency and compassion" for Brownie Mary. ▼

The Krouses were undergoing medical evaluations at Wilford Hall, which is where every member of the Air Force who tests HIV-positive comes for a series of tests, counseling and evaluation. ▼

## New Voters

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the crowd. Voting may be a small act, she added, but it's "something that does change the world, because it changes a world."

Group organizers say the momentum of the Third Wave grew out of the heightened visibility of violence against women and male control of the political system in the past year, through the William Kennedy Smith trial, the Tyson trial, and the Hill-Thomas hearings.

"Young women in particular were wondering what we could do. It's important for young women to start molding their own voices in the women's movement," Lyss said. After the Rodney King verdict, the group decided they could wait no longer, and began planning the freedom summer.

Veteran activists joined the riders on the church stage, invigorated by the mobilization of young activists.

"Bush and his cronies want to reign in you young women for one very good reason: they fear you. You present the biggest electoral threat to them," Faludi, the author of "Backlash: the Undeclared War on American Women," said. "If you go out to vote this year, you can make Bush's nightmares come true."

She added that recent surveys show that young women are the most alienated from the Republican party and the most feminist of any age group of women. Surveys also show that more female undergraduates marched for abortion rights in the 1980s than male undergraduates did against the Vietnam war in the 1960s.

The Glide Church audience was treated to a surprise, when Anita Hill, who was across the street at the American Bar Association convention, decided to drop in to give her well wishes to the freedom riders.

Hill told the riders that their leadership shows "the important roles many of us can play," and added that their effort is "heartwarming and fulfilling."

"Out of those dark times (the confirmation hearings of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas) has come some hope. You are that hope. You are representative of what this country should be about — what America can and will be," Hill told the freedom riders as the crowd rose to their feet in wild applause.

Young women who attended the ceremony at Glide were inspired by what they heard.

"Our generation gets the rap of being apolitical, but here they are trying to make a difference," said Nina Revoyr, a young lesbian in the audience. "If this gets a lot of publicity, it could be the impetus for other people to get involved — give them motivation." ▼

## Library

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Library Commission received a letter in March demanding a hearing on the subject of the flag, and arguing that by flying the flag the library system was "endorsing special interests." She would not reveal the author of the letter.

The Coalition called for an opinion from the City Attorney as to the legality of the flag. In a preliminary opinion Mark Barmore of the City Attorney's office said that the ruling hinged on three points: the legality of flying the flag as a form of government speech, the potential for setting precedent and policies for the future.

Barmore said that the flag is legitimate government speech, because it has no impact on electoral politics and no religious meaning. He added that he did not think the flag was setting precedent for other political flags on public property, and concluded that the next step is to create clear policy to ensure that government speech is in line with San Francisco city policies.

"The city has policies in place regarding domestic partners, the Gay Freedom Day parade, and several ordinances that ban discrimination based on sexual preference," Barmore said, concluding that flying the rainbow flag seems to be consistent with the policies of the city.

Younttoub and about seven other fundamentalists testified at the Library Commission meeting on Aug. 4 in an attempt to prove that the rainbow flag does not belong on public property.

"Does this mean that we are no longer the city of St. Francis?" asked Coalition supporter Will Holt. "Are we now the city of Sodom?"

Despite the absence of testimony in favor of the flag, Commission members remained staunchly committed to flying it.

"We like our branches to reflect the needs and personalities of their communities," Steven Coulter, the president of the Commission, said at the hearing. "And I personally can't think of a more appropriate place for this flag to fly than over the Harvey Milk branch of the library."

A final opinion from the City Attorney's office is due by the next Library Commission meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 21. The Christian Coalition has threatened to appeal if the City Attorney does not rule in its favor. ▼

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# Computer

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says.

Forston charges Clark with entrapment.

As the only operator of an openly gay/lesbian/bisexual BBS in town for three years, Forston says he had been the target of hate messages on his bulletin board and at his home. Some simply called him "faggot." Others said that as a homosexual sinner, he would be killed. Forston did not pay much attention to the attacks until members of his BBS started telling him that they believed someone was out to damage the bulletin board.

## Explicit Programs

When Clark signed on the bulletin board, Forston says that he did the usual telephone voice-verification that the person on the other end of the computer was really born in 1973. Forston says he then gave the prospective-member complimentary access to "look around" at all the programs except the sexually explicit programs which required special permission, membership and an access code.

At the time, Forston says, he was installing a new accounting program with software which later proved defective. By placing a dollar symbol as a code in front of a new user's name, Forston says that the software relaxed detailed security precautions that he had set up to safeguard his X-rated section.

In hindsight, he speculates that the relaxed security permitted Clark to "look around" at those programs. Forston says that the X-rated programs are "invisible" if the security precautions are intact.

Because of the way the man who turned out to be Clark chatted with him on the computer, Forston says he suspected the new user might be his arch-computer enemy Jack Porter, up to a new version of his old homophobic tricks. He decided to investigate, and if it was Porter, confront him once and for all.

But Forston says he wasn't sure; what if this really was a frightened, lonely young 19-year-old afraid to come out?

Forston says his feelings swung between sympathy for the young man, suspicion that the new user wasn't gay and arrogant, revengeful thoughts of counter-entrapment against Porter.

He says that he had no plan, he just followed the new BBS user's lead. When they went into the "fantasy date questionnaire," Forston says he played along, engaging in "fantasy sex chat." He says he agreed to meet with the person Clark claimed to be in order to "visually verify" the age and character of the new user.

Forston says his instincts alerted him that the young man who met him at Foster's Freeze, a coffee shop, on March 13 (actually a 24-year-old police informant) wasn't the same person with whom he had been chatting on his BBS. Fearing a trap, Forston says he asked to talk to the young man outside where Forston was arrested.

## 'Pool Halls' of Trouble

Shortly thereafter, Clark

and his police partner Joel Popejoy held a news conference heralding the arrest of Forston, charged with being a child molester and pedophile who was luring minors onto his board to corrupt their morals and engage in illicit acts. The media rushed to Forston's home, interviewed his neighbors about the suspected child molester next door - no one had ever seen any children come in or out of Forston's home, but one man said he'd "heard rumors."

Clark was regularly interviewed and was making speeches before public audiences about how personal computers had become latter-day "pool halls" - harkening back to the "Music Man's" "trouble in River City."

The publicity surrounding Forston's arrest led to an 18-year-old man coming forward who claimed that when he was 16 years old, Forston had lured him into Forston's home, locked the bedroom door and raped him. The young man and his mother went on local television in disguises to charge that the young man was psychologically damaged and now sexually confused.

The fact that Forston's 93-year-old mother and invalid brother deny that Forston ever had any young men over to the house where Forston cares for them, or that the only locks in the house are on the front and bathroom doors, merited two lines in most of the reporting.

Meanwhile Tom Brandeberry from Fresno's Queer Nation has identified the young man who charged Forston with rape as a gay man who has attended Queer Nation meetings and participated with the group in its Sacramento demonstration against AB 101.

Additionally Forston is trying to locate another young gay man who apparently told a television reporter and a Fresno attorney that the alleged "victim" admitted that he lied in order to get revenge on Forston for being kicked off Forston's BBS two years earlier.

Though the furor has died down until the Oct. 1 trial, Forston lives daily with the felony charges plus the public perception of him as a child molester, pedophile, and rapist. Despite the best efforts of his sister, brother (who mortgaged his house to get Forston out of jail) and his straight and gay friends to help him dig up information or just shore up his mood, Forston says he is often in a state of panic and has thought of suicide.

If convicted of the felony charges, Forston faces stiff prison time. Without financial resources, he was assigned a public defender with whom Forston says he has spoken for only two hours - apart from brief phone conversations, court appearances or catching him in the hall - in the more than five months since Forston was first arrested. And now the public defender is on a honeymoon vacation for a month, set to return three weeks before Forston's case goes to trial.

That's not enough time, Forston says, to master the intricacies of computer technology and bulletin board terminology or to find witnesses for his defense.

So Forston has set about saving himself, with advice

from various attorneys. And while a handful of family and friends believe Forston is innocent, no one else seems to.

"Forston's case is an example of how the system can target and persecute an unpopular individual based on personal hatred, such as the religious prejudice demonstrated by this officer," says Mary Newcombe, staff attorney with the Los Angeles office of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, who has spoken with Forston several times.

Newcombe says she is "astounded" by his story of "trumped-up charges" but has not done any "original work" on the case.

"This police officer is making Mark's life hell and Mark is particularly vulnerable because he has few resources. It seems that the police power has been tremendously abused," Newcombe says. "This is a case where individual prejudice is being used with the force of his professional position - and that position is the power of the state. Prejudice is what's driving this prosecution."

*In the next issue, this series continues with a closer look at the charges and the case against Mark Forston.*

# AIDS Rate

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The net result of the pile up is that people wait longer for appointment slots and they are hurried through when their time finally arrives. Currently, established patients have to wait several weeks for follow-up appointments while there is a four-week wait for asymptomatic HIV carriers.

There is a "safety" clinic to check former hospital patients within a week of their discharge, but that has been "maxing out," Molaghan said. And the clinic has been seeing more and more drop-in, emergency patients as the epidemic increases among homeless and other poor populations.

"The bottom line is that we need a new clinic," said Molaghan. "Otherwise we are going to have to stop taking in new patients. When the clinic is crowded, it's stressful for everybody."

Molaghan noted that the crowding creates hazards for medical personnel as well as the patients. In the past two years, four staff members have contracted latent tuberculosis infections.

In an effort to relieve

Ward 86, the health department has been trying to expand HIV care in its neighborhood health centers. For example, District Health Center Number 1 is opening a new evening AIDS clinic Monday nights with two and possibly three physicians.

The longer hours will provide time for another 250 patients with HIV-related problems. District Health Center Number 1 had been closed to new HIV patients for five months last year. Such new patients now have to wait three weeks for appointments.

The Center's modest recovery and expansion relies on one-time federal grant money under the Ryan White Emergency CARE Act, which funds local AIDS projects. The amount of future appropriations for this act is uncertain. Additional uncertainties on the city and state levels further cloud the health care future.

Judith Hager, director of District Health Center Number 1 commented, "The big problem is that the present city environment doesn't allow for the expansion of services. We're handicapped by the city budget and the unknown extent of impending state cuts." ▼

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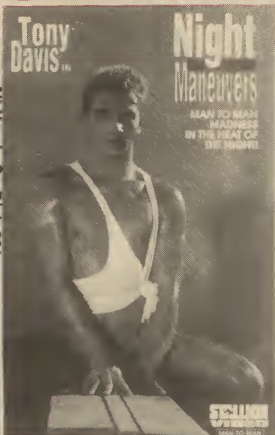
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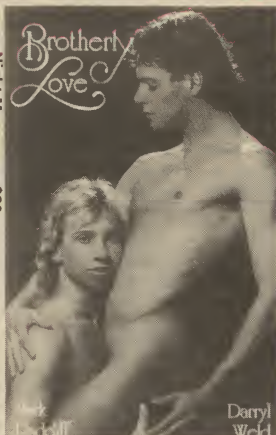
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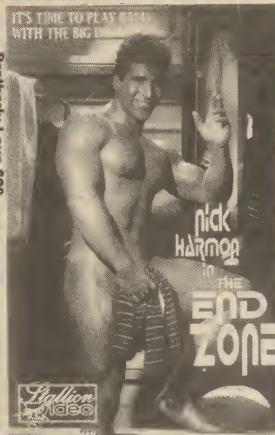
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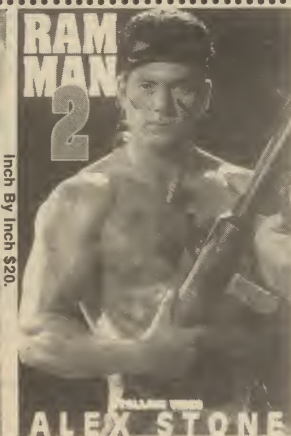
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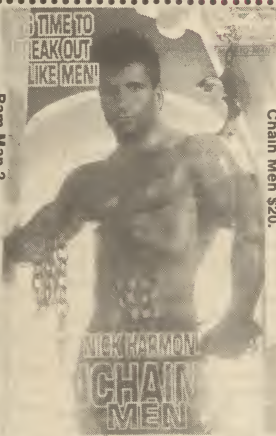
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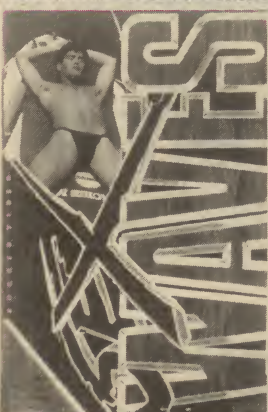
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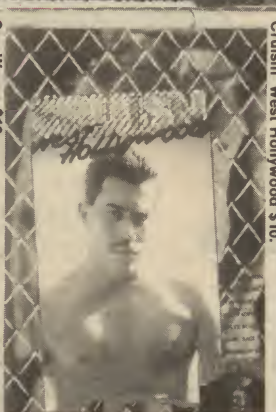
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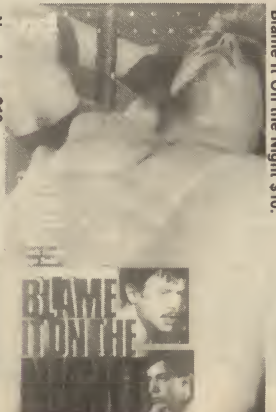
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# Knight Music



(Photo: John Haynes)

## A Conversation With Ian McKellen

by John F. Karr

**L**ong regarded as one of the finest actors of his generation, Ian McKellen is also a man of courage and conviction. Spurred by the piece of British legislation passed in 1988 which prohibits "promoting homosexual causes," McKellen came out as a gay man on a BBC radio program.

Shortly thereafter, as Lawrence O'Toole wrote in the *New York Times Magazine*, McKellen became "the first openly gay Sir" when the same government that was responsible for the anti-gay legislation conferred a knighthood on him in 1991.

During his American tour with the National Theatre of Britain's production of *Richard III*, which opens next week at the Curran, he has spoken out on gay subjects—whether requested to or not—at celebrity roasts and on talk shows that were more interested in his celebrity than gay rights. Shortly before leaving London to begin his 16-week tour, the knight and actor shared these thoughts with the *Bay Area Reporter*.

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John Karr: In a previous interview, you said you were

*cut off from literature on the subject of being gay as a child, and you did not know gay adults. How did you learn about gay culture?*

Ian McKellen: I don't think I did until I got to the university. When I was 18, I went to Cambridge. I remember learning the word "camp," which we used at Cambridge then to signify a gay sensibility. Gay, of course, was not a word we used. We were still calling ourselves queer. It seems to me rather quaint that queer has come back into fashion, as we spent our youth running away from the idea that there was anything queer about being queer.

Being gay for me was knowing some friends who were gay, not relating to a culture that existed or that I didn't know about. It just wasn't there. To be gay in the 50s, in England, was to belong to a secret society which was, by turns, sleazy and exciting—but which you did not speak about, except to other gay men.

This was the way it was until I went into the theatre where we were generally accepted. I related more strongly to the world of theatre than to a culture and a lifestyle which was specifically and exclusively gay. And I think it's one of the good things about

the theatre that it didn't matter how curious you were, what your social background was, what your sexuality was, you could have any sort of individuality. In the theatre, they only asked if you were a hard worker. Did you get on with other people, and were you a good actor?

But that seems to me a sort of model of what society ought to be. I know some gay activists today would quarrel strongly with that, but that's been my experience, which has kept me going fairly happily.

*I'm curious about that rather hidden subculture you spoke about in the 50s, whether that was separate from the life of the theatre.*

I never got involved in it! I never went to a gay club until ten years ago, when I was appearing in America. I think it came to me as a great surprise that there were gay clubs in London.

*Have you done any backtracking on this enculturation?*

I must say, whenever I go on tour, I do root out the gay clubs and see what they're like. It's just nice to meet friendly faces and people. I'm much more alert to gay histo-

ry now, such as it is. It's very difficult to trace. It's only recently that the gay identity has been something tangible and definable and recordable by historians and journalists.

*I was recently impressed, seeing The Importance of Being*

*the traditional picture of the effete homosexual. Looking back through the different cultural scene of your early days in the theatre, can you see any sort of role models like that which might have formed your idea of a gay lifestyle or the personality traits to be emulated?*

I think probably (I had) a reaction against the effeminate stereotype of a gay man. Not the transvestite, I don't mean that, but the outrageous, what we'd call the queen today. That's never been my style, except as a joke. I suppose that's something I've been a little bit nervous about, it shows how affected I've been by straight society.

Incidentally, I always thought about Oscar Wilde that bunburying, going off to the country, was very much what Oscar himself did. But it wasn't a niece he went to visit, it was a young man. And bunburying would have been a very good word for, you know, cottaging (visiting t-rooms).

But I recall Ivor Novello, who was England's most successful writer of musical comedies in the 30s and 40s. I always knew he was gay. He was an extremely beautiful

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**In this country you can be sacked from any job if you're gay. It's grounds for dismissal. If that isn't encouraging people to keep quiet about their sexuality, I don't know what is.**

Earnest, with the idea that it is Wilde's persona and behavior which have been affixed





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## Out There

Gay and Funny Tidbits From Around the World

by Daniel Mangin and Kevin Davis

**FASHION UPDATE:** "Today: Nelson Diebel and horizontal stripes. Tired: Nylon bombers and 90210. Tomorrow: Vertical stripes and the Village People. What's hot now at *International Male* is black mesh tops and stretch twill jeans." The above is from the menswear industry journal *Daily News Review*. As for the folks at IM, they've obviously abandoned any pretense of limiting their soft-core porn rep. The undergear is more superfluous than ever, as the fashion models' penises strain the contours of Lycra and good taste.

**TABLOID OUTING OF THE WEEK** comes from the Aug. 11 *Globe*: "Mickey Rooney's agony — his son is secret gay. Tall, bleach-blond Kyle Michael Rooney, 30, spends his days teaching teenage girls jazz dancing. At night, he cruises Hollywood's gay clubs for male lovers, says a young man who claims to have been one of them. 'I met Michael at the Apache Bar in Studio City. One of his favorite hangouts is Spike on Santa Monica Boulevard.'"

**ATTENTION, DQ's AND FFA MEMBERS:** In the latest *Seventeen*, Cutex declares September National Hand and Nail Care Month and has hooked up 1-800-NAILS, a hotline with press on hand to answer questions about cuticles, chips and cracks.

**CRIMINAL COLONICS:** In other health and beauty news, the July 7 *Washington Afro-American* reports that legislation being decided on Capitol Hill, sponsored by doctors and chiropractors, would make it a crime to administer a colonic irrigation. Doctors say lives are being put in danger by unhygienic procedures.

**RUPERT THE WHORE:** We'll never forgive him for sliding back into the closet just before a scheduled interview with the B.A.R., but must note that actor Rupert Everett, (*Another Country* and *The Comfort of Strangers*) would like to play the lead in the film version of his novel, *Hello Darling, Are You Working?*, about an actor turned prostitute. Everett told WWD that he'd like Shirley MacLaine (who's played a few whores herself) for the part of the American widow who "purchases" him.

**LHASA LUCK:** The Dalai Lama will be guest editor for the December issue of French *Vogue*. What's next, the pope guesting at *Spin*?

**BURT ENDORSES FRUIT** (no, it's not his friend Charles Nelson Reilly): Advertising Age reports that Florida Citrus Commission signed Burt Reynolds as spokesman for a new \$17-million ad campaign promoting Florida orange juice.

**DENZEL: GAY AND ANTI-GAY?** Last week



*International Male* puts meat into marketing.

**OUT THERE** reported that Denzel Washington was author Peter Lefcourt's choice for the black gay baseball player for the Disney version of *The Dreyfus Affair*. (A source in the know from NYC says Disney is "definitely" behind the idea.) It'll make for great irony if he gets that part and also plays the homophobic insurance lawyer who ends up defending an AIDS-infected attorney in Jonathan Demme's *Probable Cause*. *Weekly Variety* says he's "now the top candidate" for the latter role.



Denzel Washington, having it both ways

**HOLLYWOOD TYPE-CASTING?** A July 30 *Variety* story on the in-production *Scam*, reveals that Leilani Sarelle, who played foxy Roxy, the lesbian in *Basic Instinct*, makes a play in the new film for Lorraine Bracco, who played a lesbian, exec in *Switch*. Once a lesbian, always a lesbian?

**'NOT LESBIANS' BECOME LESBIANS?** Maybe that's what will happen to Iddie and Ruth in the \$15-million follow-up to *Fried Green Tomatoes*. Aug. 4 *Variety* reports that Fanny Flagg is now scripting.

**EMOTIONAL RETARDS:** Camille Paglia continues her diatribe against lesbians in the September *Vanity Fair* with the conclusion that "to my regret exclusive lesbianism is emotional retardation. ... Women become lesbian out of weakness, not out of strength and that is why I can't get along with them." We'll have to get some Dykes on Bikes (ever-so-gently, of course) to "re-educate" dear Camille.

**OR MAYBE HE'S JUST CHICKEN:** Speaking of the community's motorcycle mamas, Mayor Frank Jordan is quoted in the August *Outlines* as saying "Sometimes discretion is the better part of valor" in response to complaints that Dykes on Bikes violated the California helmet law.

**CHASTE PORN:** A recent visit to the NYC publisher of *Torso*, *Honcho* and a slew of straight porn mags revealed the shocking truth: gay smut is downright chaste compared to what they print for the hets. Talk about fetishes, they've got some pretty obscure niches with their own "journals." There's one for leg men, breast men, foot fetishists and even one for guys who dig pregnant women. What do we get? Just the usual hunky poseurs (though beautifully laid out, thanks to that ex-San Franciscan who's found his niche.).

**'MODEST PROPOSAL'** 1992: In the July 13 *Publishers Weekly*, William Vollmann, author of *Whores for Gloria*, about Tenderloin prostitutes, declares that "... the biggest hope that we have right now is the AIDS epidemic. Maybe the best thing that could happen would be if it were to wipe out half or two-thirds of the people in the world."

**ELIJAH TRASHES CHASTITY:** (And not just the concept.) Reports the Aug. 11 *Enquirer*, "Cher says, 'Elijah thinks Chastity is a weirdo. I've tried to explain to him that love between two women can be just as meaningful as love between a man and a woman.' Chastity, 23, and her pretty 25-year-old blonde girlfriend met when they were coeds at NYU and now share a love nest in L.A. Cher said she was glad to have the woman in the family."



Cher, mother of lesbian, educated son.

**'GLAMOUR' REBUKED:** "I began subscribing to your magazine to know what's new in fashion and makeup, not to be force-fed your gay rights, anti-life, ferociously feminist agenda," wrote one angry reader to *Glamour* in response to a June article about two women who went to their high school prom together. A number of other readers also complained. ▼



## Profile

# Madame Returns From Dead

by Patrick D. Hoctel

In an uncanny resurrection act that rivals Lazarus, Madame (the puppet created by the late Wayland Flowers) has found a new voice. Mark Peters, who moved to San Francisco two years ago, has taken on the naughty doyenne of the Depends generation for her second coming. And if Peters has anything to say about it, Madame will soon be hitting the heights once again.

Peters, 29, who's currently enjoying a month-long stint at The Blue Muse with the aforementioned Lady M., has received some flak from Flowers fans — and the late entertainer's former agent — for his "appropriation" of what many see as a genuine gay icon. Not surprisingly, he sees matters in a different light.

"Wayland Flowers has passed way," Peters told the *B.A.R.* in a recent interview. "We lost a great talent. He was an absolutely brilliant man, a wonderful performer, but unfortunately, we don't have him around any longer. But there's no reason Madame should die with him. Madame is a personality — to some people she is a person. She shouldn't just stop all of a sudden."

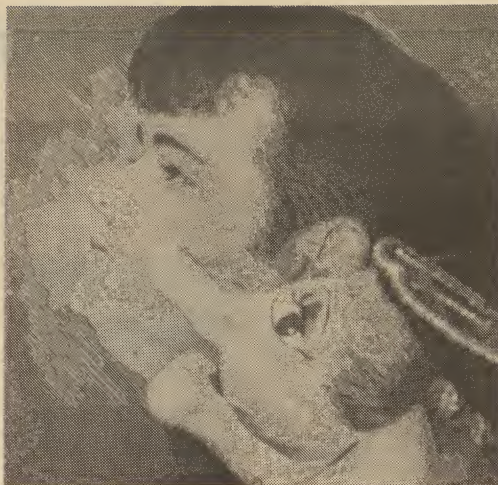
When Peters isn't performing, he makes his living as a

**"Madame is a personality—to some people she is a person. She shouldn't just stop all of a sudden."**

nurse. No stranger to controversy, three years ago he found himself at the center of a dispute between comedienne/TV star Roseanne Arnold (then Barr) and late-night talk show host Arsenio Hall.

### Fat Lady on a Pogo Stick

Peters was doing an impersonation of Arnold (and singer Rosemary Clooney) in the famed *Evening at La Cage* review at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas. He agreed to repeat his takeoff, albeit in a slightly different version, for Will and the Bushmen's MTV video of their song "Blow Me Up." In the video Peters appeared as Roseanne, portraying her as a "fat carnival lady in a \$5 kiss-



Still sleeping around: Madame with her former escort, the late Wayland Flowers (left), and her man of the moment, Mark Peters (Photo of Peters: Rick Gerharter)

ing booth jumping on a pogo stick with a long line of men outside. The camera cuts to a blonde with big tits with no men outside her booth." The scene ends with Peters/Arnold getting his stick stuck deep in the ground and having to abandon it.

According to Peters, Hall made a crack about Arnold being "a fat cow in a rock video," which prompted a similarly unflattering rejoinder from her. Insults flew back and forth until there was a reconciliation, which included Peters, between the two "longtime friends" on *Arsenio*. Arnold was "all hugs and kisses," Peters reported, even though he'd been served with a cease and desist order from her attorney the day after Hall's "fat cow" comment.

### The Legacy

Mark Peters sees his work as both furthering and expanding upon Wayland Flowers' legacy. "It was his wish that she went on," Peters said. "Personal friends of his, including a couple past lovers and a priest that used to trick with Wayland in Atlanta, have come up to me after my shows and told me he wanted Madame to continue." In addition, Peters claims that comedian Rip Taylor was with Flowers when he died. Reportedly, the puppeteer communicated to Taylor, just before he expired, his desire that Madame live on.

Madame is now Peters' official property. He bought the rights to her when Flowers' former agent, who was also the executor of his estate, neglected to file a claim for his taxes. The Federal Taxation Board disbanded Madame Inc. and suspended all trademark rights. For an \$800 incorporation and a \$200 trademark/patent fee, Peters made Madame his own.

Far more costly was Madame No. 6, the authentic Madame marionette (nine were made for Flowers) that set Peters back \$15,000. "They're puppets," Peters said. "They wear out. You have to make copies."

Originally, Peters only wanted to own a Madame. He had no intention of using her as part of an act, but "then I was playing with her, putting her on my arm — and she came to life. It's unbelievable what comes out of her when I have her. She's just up and roaring and ready to tell a story."

### Madame's Comeback

Almost a year after Madame's resurrection, she is now a featured part of Peters' 75-minute cabaret show.

Billed as "an evening of comedy and musical entertainment," the first half is pure Peters. He comes out in semi-Carol Channing drag — blond hairdo and floppy eyelashes — and warbles "The Girl in the Show." He then sings — sings not synches — some more and does his stand-up routine.

Madame makes her entrance in the second act and does her standard shtick — well-known Flowers yarns about the men in her life and the life in her men (to paraphrase Mae West) — as well as some new stories and songs by Peters. Of course, Peters explains, "Madame throws her zingers in. She can really go off the wall."

The last five minutes of the act constitute a tribute to Flowers. "His work needs to be idolized," Peters stressed.

"It deserves to be put on a pedestal. Madame talks about the beautiful life she had with Wayland. How he brought her into existence. And then she closes with 'I'll Be Seeing You'."

Peters confessed that this is the point at which he and his co-star usually get choked up. "She's so wonderful," he said. "She's so sensitive. And people in the audience cry. Afterwards they come up and tell me that this is the most moving Madame they've ever seen."

As proof of Madame's enduring power, Peters cites the fact that there's no professional lighting in the small confines of The Blue Muse. "People see me," Peters noted, "but they focus on her. It's her magic, and thank god I was blessed with the talent to

re-create it."

Although the last few years have been rough ones for Madame, the road ahead is starting to look a bit brighter. In October she'll be guesting on old pal Joan Rivers' morning talk show. While it's not exactly dishing the dirt with Johnny or even remotely like having your own show, it does represent a return to national exposure. And, to be sure, like another ageless diva, Madame will once again be ready for her close-up. ▼

*Editor's note: Mark Peters and Madame with accompanist Robert L. Parke will be performing at The Blue Muse (409 Gough Street) through Sept. 5. \$10 cover. Call 626-7505 for more information.*

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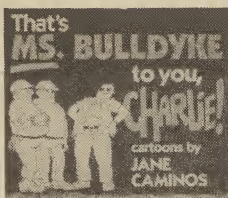
# Side-Splitting 'Bulldyke'

That's Ms. Bulldyke to You, Charlie  
by Jane Caminos; Madwomen Press, \$8.95

by Vicky Greenbaum

Alison Bechdel, look out. Madwomen Press, the brand new women's imprint located in Massachusetts, has launched itself toward stardom with a collection of single-frame cartoons by New York City graphic artist, Jane Caminos. The best thing about Caminos' viewpoint is that she unabashedly covers territory untouched by other lesbian cartoonists.

From the perils of coupledom to the inner thoughts of lesbians standing in a bar, Caminos leaves no stone unturned. Especially apt are the phrases found in balloons above each character's head. Each line stings a little, but not unpleasantly. Each situation carries a little bite of ve-



racity, allowing us to grin wryly at ourselves.

If you compare her single-frame style to the work of lesbian graphic favorites like Alison Bechdel and Kris Kovick, Caminos' is less pristine. She lacks Bechdel's accuracy with facial expressions and her variety of bodily forms. Less artistically complex than Kovick, Caminos' work is less politically edgy as well. However, Caminos'

drawings have their own unique flavor. Scanning this new book, you may find that her style grows on you, and, like her popular fellow-cartoonists, she finds no territory too sacred for the touch of her pen.

## Infectious Wit

Caminos' wit is infectious, and much of what she's showing us has not been adequately brought before the collective lesbian gaze. For instance, Caminos thoroughly, and hilariously, explores the nature of relationships between older and younger women. Again, the balloons do most of the showing, as in the frame depicting an older woman undressing before her younger bedmate: their bodies are not that dissimilar, except for some strange marks, possibly meant to denote wrinkles on the woman undressing. Her thought balloon reads: "Splendid. How am I going to get undressed in front of this nubile young thing? She wants me to leave the lights on so she can be enraptured by my maturity."

Another great one-liner is contained in the frame with the woman sitting on her suitcases, curbside, thinking: "I moved to this big city from my small town where there were no women's bars. What

I'M FINDING THAT AS I GROW OLDER, MY VIEWPOINT HAS NARROWED. REPUBLICANISM HAS ENCRACLED, AND I'M UNCOMFORTABLE WITH OFF COLOR JOKES AND SEXUAL BANTER.



do you mean there are none here either?"

The best frames, the most thought-provoking, also carry the most laughs. Friends I shared the book with found frames showing the secret-inner-turmoil-of-lesbians irresistible. In those tumultuous

moments depicted, the laughter stems from self-recognition and the hope that you've moved past that particular frame in your own life. Even if you haven't, Caminos will help redeem the moment in a spirit of fun. ▼

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## Riggs Does Not Regret

by Karl Bruce Knapper

The National Task Force on AIDS Prevention will kick off a national tour of Marlon Riggs' latest film, *Non Je Ne Regrette Rien* (No, I Regret Nothing), with a benefit screening and reception (sponsored by the S.F. AIDS Foundation and the Pendulum) on Saturday, August 15, at the Women's Building in San Francisco.

The Task Force is a national minority organization dedicated to ending the AIDS epidemic by advocacy and assistance in the development of HIV education and service programs, by and for gay and bisexual men of color. The Task Force also operates one of the few national education programs geared toward gay men of color.

The San Francisco reception and screening of *Ne Regrette* is part of a national tour of the video. It is also another way to provide culturally sensitive HIV prevention and early intervention messages to African-American gay and bisexual men. The tour aims to empower black gay and bisexual men; to encourage community-based HIV/AIDS organizing; and to raise funds for the National Task Force and local community-based AIDS organizations.

Riggs' 40-minute video is



Filmmaker Marlon Riggs

about five black gay men from varied backgrounds who are all living with HIV disease. It is the third video in the *Fear of Disclosure* project (inspired by and named after a video by the late Phil Zwickler). The project contains a series of tapes that explore the issue of HIV disclosure for specific populations like black gay men, Latino women, and Asian Americans. In addition to Riggs' video, a production of *Rap City*, an HIV prevention presentation for African-American men, will also be shown.

## Speaking Out

The five men in *Ne Regrette* speak out about their

individual confrontations with HIV, their HIV-related illnesses, and the familial and social reactions to the disclosures of their sero-status. Through increasingly more revealing personal interviews, the video portrays the difficult and often painful journey that black men throughout this country encounter in coping with the personal and social devastation of this epidemic.

The national tour of *Ne Regrette* will premiere in four or five cities across the country. Besides San Francisco, the cities of Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., Newark, Chicago, Atlanta, and Cleveland have all expressed interest in hosting this event.

The tour will provide a vehicle of support for HIV-positive black gay and bisexual men and help communities in those cities to build coalitions and work together. It will also serve to advocate for early intervention information and programming for African-American gay and bisexual men, and provide HIV-infected men another vital opportunity to see how other HIV-infected men are surviving in the face of this scourge. ▼

Editor's note: For information and reservations for the 8 p.m. screening and/or the 5:30 p.m. reception with Mr. Riggs, call 749-6700.



## Theatre



John Loschmann bugging the hell out of everyone in *Metamorphosis*

### SF Theatre Project's 'Metamorphosis'

## Kafka's Vision Comes to Life

by Deborah Peifer

"As Gregor Samsa awoke one morning from uneasy dreams he found himself transformed in his bed into a gigantic insect." With that line, astonishingly matter of fact in tone, Franz Kafka began his nightmarish "Metamorphosis." In an extraordinary production, rich with textural nuance, contemporary relevance and the darkest of black comedy, the San Francisco Theatre Project brings Kafka's grotesque vision to stunning theatrical life.

Gregor Samsa is a traveling salesman who lives with and supports his screamingly middle-class parents and his artistically middle-class sister, Greta. He rises each morning at 4 a.m. to catch the 5 a.m. train to sell whatever it is that he sells in order to maintain his family and to pay off his father's monstrous debts. Gregor hates his job and dreams of a golden future when Dad's debts will be discharged (in five years, he hopes) and he will finally be able to live a life of his own choosing. His sole importance as wage earner to this greedy, grasping, ought-to-be-Republican family is painfully underscored by the family's chanted mantra: "Cash. Clothes. Cigars. Beer."

Gregor's transformation is seen as a double tragedy for the family (the effect on Gregor is of no importance to his relations). Not only will their income disappear, but Gregor's insect existence is an embarrassment that must be kept secret: "We mustn't let the neighbors see." Gregor's attempt to make sense of his unbelievable change and to find some meaning in his new mode of being is played in painful counterpoint to the family's (hilarious) effort to integrate an enormous beetle into its middle-class routine.

#### Workable Metaphor

I spoke to John Loschmann, the co-director who plays Gregor, and he told me that the cast searched for a metaphor for Gregor's change. In deciding that Gre-

gor has AIDS, the company gave itself a workable metaphor and provided the audience with a frighteningly relevant subtext for the action on stage.

This choice is brilliantly executed and powerfully sub-

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tle. The dirty secret of the insect becomes the dirty secret of a gay son with a gay disease. In a particularly chilling moment, the family expresses its fear of catching "the bug" through casual contact. Over time, the pity originally felt by Greta and the mother becomes annoyance at the inconvenience then a calculated decision that "We have to get rid of him."

John Loschmann's glorious performance deserves special recognition. His background as a dancer (he was a principal dancer with the SF Pacific Ballet for eight years) provides the physical dexterity to perform this bug who was a man. Using movement alone (there is, thank goodness, no bug costume), Loschmann creates an eerily realistic insect sensibility as he portrays the curiously impossible situation of a logical man in an absurd universe, trying out his new legs, learning to maneuver his new body, hoping that the change is an escapable night-

mare.

Loschmann's movement is crisply executed and richly suggestive of an insect hampered by a human brain. In an early sequence of pure physicality that left me gasping in delight and admiration, Loschmann makes a supreme effort to turn over. His success, capturing as it does the actuality of the beetle on its back and the absurdity of a human's being in that position, is extraordinarily moving.

Gregor walks on walls, eats a meal while standing on his head, and does sit-ups on the ceiling. Loschmann told me that the challenge of the role (one of many) was to express Gregor's terrible isolation through movement. He meets that challenge and conquers it in a performance that is both technically and emotionally superb.

#### Outstanding Cast

Loschmann's Gregor is ably supported by an outstanding cast. Franc Ross as the father is grossly animalistic and a dedicated consumer. His rage at Gregor's inconsiderate transformation is compellingly played. Sandy Kelly Hoffman plays a mother in desperate search of normalcy whose love for her husband is tempered by an ironic sense of his absurdity. This actor maintains a moving credibility in the face of a world upside down. Mary Beth Caton as Greta, the originally sympathetic sister who becomes the middle of the middle class, is a delight.

Jim Chance plays the Chief Clerk, the Renter and the Acquaintance with wonderfully specific character choices. The opening moment, when he and Gregor embrace, is lovely, with a romantically erotic charge that resonates throughout the play. The actors maintain their individual characters while making clear that they are really interchangeable cogs in the consuming, industrial machine.

Lawrence Hecht's staging is strong, with a fine blend of mechanical and realistic movements. His exploration of the comic possibilities

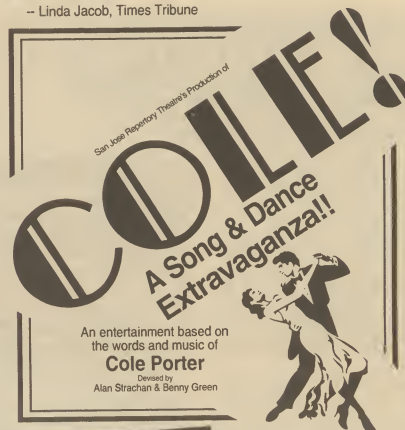
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## Video

Debi Sundahl Hits the Spot

# Lady Cum Shot

by Nancy Boutilier

Fanny Fatale (better known as Debi Sundahl) speaks from experience when she says "sexual knowledge is powerful." Her sexual curiosity and knowledge has been a creative force in shaping *On Our Backs* magazine, and Fatale Video.

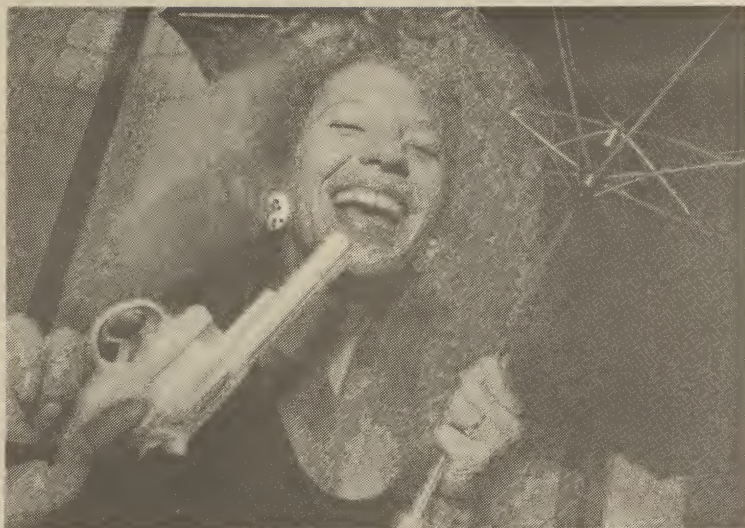
A pioneer in lesbian erotica, Fatale is a "pro-sex feminist" on a mission to explore the realm of women's sexuality. In an effort to live up to the title of her new video *How to Female Ejaculate*, Fatale plays tour guide to the G-spot and teaches viewers the ins and outs, so to speak, of female ejaculation. The question, as framed by Fatale, is no longer if women ejaculate, but how. Her answer is

simple: practice and patience.

The film claims that all women can ejaculate, and four women offer personal testimony. If seeing is believing, there's plenty of action to back up these words.

### PBS or PMS?

It's hard to say whether the video is more educational or entertaining, but at a recent screening of the video at A Different Light bookstore, August 5, audience response indicated that viewers find it both instructional and fun (the video, that is). Watching the film reminded me of high school science class. I found myself fidgeting with anticipation while the teacher explained the experiment we were about to see. When the credits rolled, the crowd of forty had praise for the film



Debi Sundahl (aka: Fanny Fatale) blows 'em away at A Different Light.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

and questions for Fatale.

One woman said she found it "freeing" and "validating" to see "all those women masturbating," Fatale agreed. "We have few images of women coming," Fatale said. "Women's orgasms are very powerful and diverse."

The video reflects that diversity as Fatale is joined by three other women in a variation on the circle jerk. For folks unfamiliar with the stock at Good Vibrations, the demo provides a show and tell of sex toys. Carol Queen discusses and displays her "orgasm repertoire," as well as providing a mini-course in vaginal weight lifting to strengthen her "PC muscles." As Fatale says, "You can't ejaculate without good muscle tone."

### High Anxiety

But could this be just another way to make those who don't ejaculate feel inadequate in comparison to these women who seem to have mas-

**Fatale is joined by three other women in a variation on the circle jerk.**

tered the art?

Not in Fanny Fatale's eyes. She wants her viewers to see the video as an invitation to sexual exploration and growth. "This is not a gimmick to cause performance anxiety," she told the audience before showing the video. "It's not about spraying the most or the farthest. It's about choice and awareness."

According to Fatale, awareness is a matter of knowing where to look. She shows you her own G-spot with the aid of a clear plastic

speculum and a sense of humor, saying "If it were any closer, it would bite you."

Fatale credits the book *A New View of a Woman's Body* with erasing the notion that the clitoris and vagina are separate. "The sex organ is no longer fragmented," said Fatale, who holds the misogyny of the traditional medical profession at fault for the lack of reliable information about women's bodies. She said, "It is empowering to understand that the sex organ is a unified organ."

If you're looking to demystify women's sexuality; if you like the idea of watching women stimulate themselves; or if you're looking for your own or a partner's G-spot; Fanny Fatale is happy to show you the way. ▼

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## Film

# Two for Terror

by Warren Sonbert

In *Raising Cain*, filmmaker Brian de Palma isn't content to do his usual direct lifts from Hitchcock. He also digs up tired cliches from his own second-hand oeuvre with familiar reprises of *Sisters*, *Dressed to Kill*, *Carrie* et al. The man's a whore, one who must be chortling up his sleeve at the gullibility of the American moviegoing public, not to mention the Hollywood studio bosses who supply him with backing.

That said, I have to confess the last hour of *Raising Cain* is mildly enjoyable in an outrageous, cartoonish way. At least de Palma doesn't take his manipulations so seriously; he lards his cynicism with humor and anarchy. *Raising Cain* at its best is the cinematic equivalent of mooning;

### Ix-nay, Ix-nay

John Lithgow plays Dr. Nix, a character who must've seen Michael Powell's *Peeping Tom* too many times, since he's fascinated with the rearing and observance of split personalities in children. This puts his little tyke Amy in jeopardy — not to mention his two-timing wife Jenny (the consummately bad Lolita



The highly edible Steven Bauer makes a play for his former lover, played by Lolita Davidovitch, in *Raising Cain*.

Davidovitch).

Dr. Nix is a serial killer given to slashing young mothers and baby sitters, then kidnapping their progeny for his heinous experiments. The comedy gathers steam when Dr. Waldheim (Frances Sternhagen in a wonderfully hammy turn) blows the whistle on our hero's nefarious doings.

Besides being an affront to continuity (when changes from medium close-up to long shot occur, light switches are in different positions, hands are no longer holding coffee cups, etc.) *Raising Cain* also plays fast and loose with logic, reality and sequential time.

The result of such shoddy

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# Lighting Female Fires

by Noreen Barnes

**T**emperatures are bound to rise next week at the Roxie Cinema with the debut of the Women's Erotic Film Festival. The program includes 10 short works by women filmmakers, both lesbian and straight. These sophisticated ladies interpret female sexuality in its various forms, often through humor, sometimes awkwardly, and at other times with a real sense of style. The series explores the question of what defines the erotic, and the films will be introduced by Susie Bright (who also curated the collection).

My favorite film in the program, which premieres next week before its nationwide tour, is Cathy Cook's *The Match That Started My Fire*. It's a dense, delightful work of rich images and familiar stories of childhood and the teenage discovery of sexual pleasure. From the game of "Show" to stripping Barbie dolls, from sleeping with best friends to leaning up against washing machines, we see American culture awakening to sexuality. The film's message is conveyed through women's stories heard over a barrage of images from the '50s and '60s that run the gamut from titillating circle skirts to busty blondes. These familiar images are juxtaposed against intense shots of flora, fauna and undersea life.

## Getting to First Base

Megan Siler's *First Base* is a comic, realistic film of adolescent sexual discovery,

and the flirtation of two girls with breasts, boys and each other. Kathy Daymond's *Nice Girls Don't Do It* blends theory with quasi-clinical practice in a how-to discussion of female ejaculation.

Dawn Hoggatt's *Fresh Produce* is a dual sexual fantasy, in which the woman's version prevails over the man's. Her preference for a scene in a romantic French restaurant disrupts his vision

The series explores the question of what defines the erotic.

of a sleazy bar. In his story, she is the object of the gaze of many men and the possession of one; in hers she claims greater power by demanding sexual satisfaction during a meal. The couple's subtle activity transforms the formal restaurant and its staid patrons into a scene of ravenous animals all partaking in an edibly erotic frenzy.

*Paradisio* by Marcy Paige is a lovely, romantic animated dream — mythological in a certain Jungian way that combines magic and malevolence.

The shorter films include Carol Fleishman's *Lipsinc* (a woman gazes at kisses through a keyhole); Lisa Ginsberg's *Joy Stick Blues*, in which a dog finds a new kind of bone; *Ochenha*, a blend of music, a Catholic litany and striking visuals;

and noise that supports the actors and provides commentary on their plight as well.

*Metamorphosis* is a marvelous, mind-stretching, heart-seizing work and as fine a production as I have seen in a long while. I cannot urge you too strongly to see this play. It will delight your senses while it engages your mind.

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## Kafka

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inherent in the plot makes for black comedy with a surprisingly human underpinning. The set, designed by Morgan Hall, suggests both a giant beetle and an industrial plant, and offers plenty of places for Gregor to explore. Keith Dunwoody's sound design, with special sound effects by David Lougee, is an always interesting mixture of music

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The Bay Area Reporter recommends that no queer money be spent on the following, due to content that is blatantly offensive to lesbian/gay sensibilities.

**MO' MONEY:** Damon Wayans once again indulges his queer-bashing tendencies by presenting stereotypical, limp-wristed fags who just love to go shopping. This treatment is particularly reprehensible since it comes courtesy of a black performer. On the *Donahue* show Wayans explained his gay parodies were entirely different from the racist stereotypes of *Amos N' Andy*, "because those characters did not exist in society but these types do." Yeah, right.



Lusty lady does that Stevie Nicks thing for the Women's Erotic Film Festival.

Lorna Boschman's *Butch/Femme in Paradise*, a reprise of the sex/ocean connection; and Raquel Shapira's *You No Me*, in which gender identity is explored in poetic imagery.

Editor's note: The Women's Erotic Film Festival plays the Roxie Cinema, Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 18 and 19 at 5, 7 and 9, with additional Wednesday

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## Dance

Jon Weaver's 'Cold Hard Cash Variations'

# Money Isn't Everything

by Eric Hellman

One of those unexplained mysteries of the dance occurs when a performer promises so much and then, under the glare of theatrical lights, delivers so little. Regrettably, this is what happened last weekend when local dancer-choreographer Jon Weaver presented the complete version of *The Cold Hard Cash Variations* at San Francisco's Theatre Artaud.

First seen in a preliminary excerpt at last year's Men Dancing/Ten concert, *Cash Variations* suggested the potential debut of a potent new voice in postmodern dance. Weaver's choreographic style is notable for its angular physicality, its use of contact-improvisation as a springboard for movement, and its bold, driving theatricality. But, expanded to "fill the space" of a 65-minute program, the dancing in Weaver's work became trivialized, playing second fiddle to an excess of all-too-clever props. As the dance-maker's conceptual preoccupations demanded more and more of our attention, *Cash Variations*, as a work of dance art, slowly sank and disappeared from view.

The main thought behind Weaver's piece seems to be

an understanding — and lament — that money changes everything. But this idea is hardly new, is it? Money makes things (like dance performances) possible, and it's often the means of human exploitation (dancer Weaver and his partner Paul Medlyn perform a duet that visualizes this observation).

Money is also what would be required if Weaver were to pay royalties on the choreography by Fred Astaire from *Easter Parade* (lifted, step-for-step) in one of the *Cash Variations* segments. Even more money would be required if Weaver paid the permissions for using excerpts from the dozens of composers sampled in his self-created sound-collage score. This "re-textualization" might also be described as a colossal artistic rip-off.

### Ponderous Props

*Cash Variations* is further burdened by the choreographer's over-dependence on props, seemingly used for the "cleverness" of individual effect rather than as contributions to a greater thematic or artistic whole. Medlyn delivers the evening's first performance interlude when he ravenously chomps on a piece of "bread" (you know, as in Wonder). Later, in performance solo number two,



Flying without a net, Jon Weaver and Paul Medlyn fall flat at Artaud.

(Photo: Steve Savage)

Weaver munches a head of lettuce — the green stuff — revealing a mouthful of dollars. And later, a performance assistant rearranges hangers with alphabet-inscribed flags on Medlyn's outstretched arms until the letters spell: IN GOD WE TRUST. Are we in high school, yet?

The dancing that does exist in *Cash Variations* is numbingly repetitive (the piece might better be retitled: How many times can two boys slice the air with their arms while executing a pelvis-forward leap?) and Weaver studiously avoids spatial complexities (except in the steal from Mr. Astaire). The central problem, I suspect, is that while Weaver has found a method for creating movement phrases (via body contact and release), he hasn't yet figured out how to stitch the pieces together into some greater, kinetic whole.

The finale for *Cash Variations* begins when the performers' slip into something more comfortable — like matching, gold-lame G-strings. (Isn't that what you would choose?) Weaver and Medlyn then proceed to literally slip 'n' slide around the performance space, tossing phony dollar bills and abandoning any pretense to choreographic design. The spectre of theatrical demise increases and then, lo and behold, two lines of dancers begin to step-kick their way down the audience aisles, heading, in military precision, toward the stage.

This "Bill of Rights Chorus Line" (including two men and seven women, all dressed in women's one-piece bathing suits with black fishnet stockings and gold top hats) assembles itself, facing the audience, in front of individual bread sandwiches that have been delivered (thoughtfully,

one might add) to equidistant locations on the stage floor. Weaver, still dressed in his abbreviated gold cover-up, runs amid the chorus, dispensing swatches of plastic wrap to each dancer. The dancers then wrap their sandwiches and exit with a brisk flourish. The conceptual possibilities were so heavy, I found them impossible to contemplate.

But in a tour-de-force coda of obfuscation, the two principal performers return to centerstage where Medlyn proceeds to "wrap" (sanitize, constrain, possess, suffocate) Weaver with the roll of plastic tissue. Metaphors fly left and right while I dream about bodies from Maurice Bejart's theatrical extravaganzas of years past — because the dancing in *Cash Variations* stopped happening a long time ago. ▼



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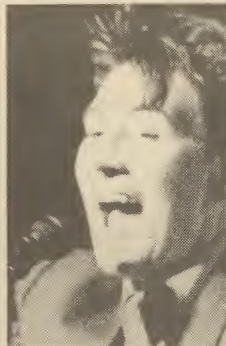
by Jim Provenzano

An architectural treasure of deco Oz-like beauty, the Paramount Theatre hosted three sold-out nights (Aug. 3-5) of k.d. lang, whose new repertoire of songs has successfully elevated her beyond the limits of her country roots into the stratosphere of diva.

Starting slow as the curtains parted, the simple "Save Me" captivated the audience into silence as lang continued with "The Mind of Love" and "Outside Myself," each from her latest, *Ingénue*. Things picked up quickly though, as she smiled under brighter light, baring her distinctively impish grin to approving hoots from the 110 percent queer, mostly fabulous dyke audience.

The focus of the evening was *Ingénue*, and its creamy smooth ballads set hearts a tither. But the over two-hour concert also featured songs from *Absolute Torch* and *Twang*, *Shadowland* and *Angel With a Lariat*, including the title track.

Things picked up with harkening back to earlier albums, particularly with "Luck in My Eyes," "Big Big Love" and her rendition of spouse abuse in "Johnny Get Angry." At the height of that song, lang mimed getting slapped



Lesbian songbird k.d. lang, belting out another showstopper at the Paramount

(Photo: Barbara J. Maggiani)

and knocked out while the band chatted behind her, awaiting her return to consciousness for the last chorus. Sardonic theatrics, but the message was clear.

### Daring Renditions

Most unusual were lang and her collaborator Ben Mink's daring renditions of favorites, fulfilling her vow to explore the world of country music. "But what country?" she asked coyly, our lovely tour guide to new musical regions.

After a spooky monologue

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# SPORTS AND FITNESS

## Television

### Creating Visibility, Making 'Herstories'

by Nancy Boutillier

Every four years television shows women competing in something other than tennis, golf and bowling. But even the Olympic coverage could lead one to think women don't play team sports.

Gymnastics, swimming, diving, track and field seem to be the darlings of television coverage when it comes to women. But what about volleyball, basketball, team handball, softball and all those ways in which women get physical together?

Finally, some women have found a way to increase the visibility of local female athletes. *Herstories* is a television show about women in sports. According to producer Sandra Ardito, the half-hour show will be formatted

around three 10-minute segments. "It will focus on local women — all age groups, all abilities. We hope to recognize the unrecognized," said Ardito.

The only high school girl pole vaulting in California. Women playing basketball in wheelchairs. While early shows will feature athletes themselves, Ardito envisions future shows that address issues that face women in sports.

*Herstories* is currently scheduled to run as a monthly program on Channel 25, but Ardito has hopes of biweekly programming and maybe more. "Syndication would be nice," she said.

Because most of the production effort has demanded volunteer staffing, "We want a budget," said Ardito.



A league of their own? Female team sports.

To that end, local entertainers will be lending their talents to an evening of comedy and dancing at Pier 50/Olive Oil's on Aug. 14 in

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Flag Football

### Trojans Return for New Season

by Rick Thoman

The San Francisco Trojans flag football team begins practice for the 1992 season on Saturday, Aug. 22, at McAteer High School in San Francisco. Anyone interested in joining the Trojan football team is invited to attend workouts. According to Coach Gary Thompson, the team is looking for some big players to fill vacant positions on the team.

The Trojans are trying to decide which flag football league to participate in this season. The choices have been narrowed down to either the San Francisco or Berkeley Park and Rec leagues.

Last winter, the Trojans attempted to play in a Berkeley pickup league, but it collapsed before play began. The Trojans have posted successful seasons in various East Bay leagues in the past.

The San Francisco Park and Rec league will offer the team a more physical game, and Coach Gary Thompson said the team is leaning toward that style of play.

"We'll definitely have to beef up our offensive and defensive lines," said Thompson, if the team decides to play in the eight-man, full-contact San Francisco league. Thompson said the team is looking for linemen and running backs, "particularly bigger types who like defensive and offensive body contact."

Returning on offense for the Trojans will be quarterbacks Matt Hendricks and Paul Olson, receivers Mike Rios and Todd Rodrigue, and running backs Ken Patterson and Richard Leiboff. Other veteran Trojans committed to play this season include Paul Galchin, Bill Harris, Ethan James, Al Lorenzen and Jeff Meek.

Although focused on this fall's season of play, the Trojans are also trying to get flag football onto the Gay Games IV schedule. Flag football was a part of Gay Games competition for the first time at Vancouver in 1990, which San Francisco won.

Currently, though, the sport is not down for the New York Gay Games in 1994, and Thompson said he and fellow team members are trying to find out what they can do to make sure they'll be defending their gold medal in '94. New York organizers claim to be considering several sports not "officially" listed as part of Gay Games IV, but it is not known if flag football is one of them.

Trojan supporters are invited to meet the team when it hosts a beer-bust fundraiser at the Eagle, Sunday, Aug. 30. For more information about participating or supporting the San Francisco Trojans flag football team, call Gary at 344-8873 or Paul at 928-5380. ▼



# It's All Over Your Face

by Dianne Aaronson

Looking back at my first books on health, I found titles like *The Natural Way to Super Beauty and Secrets of Health and Beauty*. Even all those years ago, I was bothered by these titles. After all, I wanted to know about health and nutrition, and they were passing the books off as beauty hints. Perhaps at that time it was the only way for book publishers to make a sure sale.

Fortunately, times have changed. I think we've reached a point where most people understand that if they are healthy, they'll look healthy (i.e., beautiful). At the same time, however, many people do not seem to understand the correlation between a healthy life style and healthy skin.



Perhaps some unfortunate kids learned growing up to equate chocolate and potato chips with the inevitable emergence of pimples, but others who remained unscathed never made the connection.

As adults, most of us are now free from the teen-age acne problems related to hormones on the loose, though certainly as adults we do experience varying hormone levels from time to time. Our more common problems of oily or dry skin, eruptions or wrinkles are often considered the inevitable result of aging or heredity. It's always been my opinion that 90 percent of what a person inherits is not the bad skin, the weight problem or the bad back, but learned behavior regarding the use and/or abuse of the body.

These familial, cultural or societal habits can be unlearned, or at least, renegotiated. For instance, many of us grew up in the '50s and '60s with frozen dinners, canned peas, snack foods and meat with every meal, but few of us still actually eat these things on a regular basis. In this exercise-and-nutrition-conscious time, Wonder Bread is a thing of the past. If we could learn to embrace whole grain breads and meatless meals, then we are capable of letting go of other habits as well.

If your skin is a problem area for you, take it as a sign that something is happening internally. You may in fact have inherited this problem, but even so, with some hard work and an investigative spirit, improvement is on the way.

## Food Allergies

One thing that can be inherited is a sensitivity to certain foods. Perhaps your body is not equipped to process certain substances. One way of ascertaining whether this is a contributing factor is to go on an elimination diet/food plan. This involves getting down to the basics—perhaps eliminating everything but green vegetables the first week, slowly adding one food at a time and noting any changes in the way you look or feel.

The most obvious allergens will come from packaged foods, as they contain chemicals as well. In the pure food groups, grains are common allergens, particularly wheat, oat and any gluten-containing flour (that's most). Rice and buckwheat flour (which does not contain

main in your colon. Like any food that sits around too long it will, in plain terms, begin to rot.

Inside your colon, this festering rot is a breeding ground for disease. An unhealthy colon is one of the first things to show up on your skin in the form of eruptions. Eating less or eating smaller meals spaced throughout the day can control the problem.

To start with a clean slate, however, an elimination diet and/or an herbal intestinal cleansing regimen (available at health food stores) is a good first step. Fiber-rich diets (lots of veggies and whole grains) will help keep the colon healthy by speeding up transit time.

## Drugs, Alcohol, Etc.

After my lecture on toxins, need I say more? Drugs and alcohol do not a clean system make. Also, if any of you possess even an iota of vanity, cigs are not for you. Necessary oxygen is cut off from the skin (even if you don't care about your lungs), and the end result is a face that looks like a road map.

One can always tell a lifelong smoker, not only by the shallow complexion but by the deep crevices in the face. Wrinkles don't normally cut that deeply into the skin. So be forewarned and quit while you're ahead.

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wheat) seem to be two of the least likely to cause a reaction.

Watch out for fruits; choose one fruit group at a time. Some people have problems with citrus, some with strawberries. Keep in mind that pesticides can also cause a reaction. Organic is safer.

Another lesser-known allergen is the nightshade family, which includes tomatoes and potatoes.

Note that animal products, including eggs and dairy, can also create a reaction in certain people.

## Saturated Fats

Fats, particularly saturated fats, clog up the system. Fats also have the ability to store toxins. When eating meat, for instance, which provides much dietary fat, you may additionally be ingesting the animal's own by-products as well as any chemicals it has been force-fed, as this would lodge in their fatty tissue.

The more fat you ingest, whether through meat, fried foods, potato chips or pastries and/or the more excess fat you carry around on your own body, the less clean your system will be. This will inevitably show up on your skin. Dieters should also realize that as they lose fat, toxins will be released into their system, so remember to drink lots of water and exercise.

## Overeating

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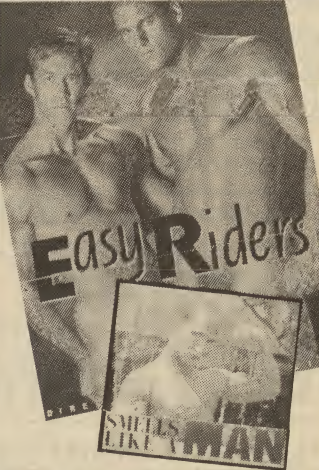
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Ian McKellen as the malevolent Richard III

## Knight

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man, and I was very taken with him. I saw him when I was 8 or 9, and he made quite an impression.

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He was making love to a woman on stage by leaning over the sofa and giving her a glass of champagne, which to me it was very erotic, although that's not a word I would have known or used at the time. I was devastated when he died, not long after.

Novello seemed utterly fulfilled in that he was a man of

the theatre, a writer, composer and performer, and was very popular.

It's all tied up with my fascination with the theatre, and I haven't yet begun to separate out in my own life quite why I've landed in the theatre. But I think it has to do with being gay and looking for a world where I could be myself, indulge my emotions and be honest about myself in a way gay men are discouraged from being in ordinary life.

"Are" discouraged, or maybe, "were?"

Oh, are, are. In this country you can be sacked from any job if you're gay. It's grounds for dismissal. If that isn't encouraging people to keep quiet about their sexuality, I don't know what is. You're not even allowed to stay in the armed forces if you're gay.

Let's talk about Richard III. Did you pick the role, the

play?

It's never been an ambition of mine to play Richard III. I'd always rather underestimated the part, and the play. But now I'm a great fan of it, absolutely — I'd have to be, I'm in my third year of it now, and by the time I've played it in the States I'll have played it over 300 times.

I think it is Shakespeare's first great play. He picked, not for the last time, the story of a soldier returning from the wars who goes into politics. He is examining the military mind; he's also examining the actor in the man of action, the man who disguises himself and lies about himself in order to achieve his ends. (It's part of) Shakespeare's fascination with the fact that all men and women are merely players.

Then he makes Richard more peculiar still. He's got a mother who hates him. He's very ambitious. He's a man who's got a considerable physical handicap, which he's

obviously overcome, because he's a great athlete — he's a great soldier at hand-to-hand combat. And also a man who becomes a terrible tyrant and does the most dreadful things to other human beings. Yet he's not simply the embodiment of all evil. It's more psychologically interesting than that. Shakespeare provides in the play a lot of clues as to how the man turned into the tyrant that he is.

You've spent so much time recently tracking through gay theory. Do you find any connections to Richard?

No, I don't, although certainly he has a problem relating to women. And I don't say gay men have a problem relating to women. But gay men, obviously, do have to work out what their relation to women is, it's not as immediate as straight men's.

I think Richard is straight, but he finds it very difficult to relate to women. He prefers men's company, he prefers the bonhomie of military life.

I don't see that he's a frustrated queer. I don't think Shakespeare saw sexuality in

limited terms like that. Richard has a stunted sexuality. It's not fulfilling to him.

*I think you were referring to your gay identity when you told an interviewer that you wanted to rescue and get back things that your preoccupation with acting may have precluded in your earlier years. Have you?*

I don't think it was quite that, it was that because of spending so much time in the theatre, I've put relationships in my life at risk, and lost them, too.

The theatre is my family. But you know, I think what I want to do in the future is not pretend any longer that the theatre is itself, and acting, is the most satisfying activity that I could possibly do.

What little gay activism I've done has introduced me to a whole range of people that are from different disciplines entirely, but who are gay or lesbian and who I've become very friendly with and am affected by. That's been a wonderful, wonderful bonus to my life. ▼



Harvey Lee as he looked in a 1956 publicity photo from New York, accompanied by Nikki, his Borzo beautiful

## Harvey Wilson Goodwin (a.k.a. Harvey Lee)

On July 1, 1992, Harvey Lee passed away in Little Rock, Arkansas at the age of 79. Mr. Lee died from complications resulting from a fall in his home. For many years, Lee was a featured performer at Finnochio's on Broadway. During the '60s he shared the stage with other female impersonators like Lucien, Lestra LaMott, and LaVerne Cummings.

In addition to his show business career, Lee was, for 20 years, secretary to the present of the Chevron Corporation in San Francisco. After retirement, he moved back to Little Rock to be near his friends and family.

A charming and bubbling personality, Lee was a close friend of Charles Pierce. One of Lee's favorite songs, and one that he performed in his stage act, was "I Wish You Love." It is his wish that he be remembered by the lyrics and sentiments expressed in this song.

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## Books

# Sons of the Sheik

**Sexuality and Eroticism Among Males in Moslem Societies**  
edited by Arno Schmitt and Jehoeda Sofer; Harrington Park Press, \$12.95

by Marv. Shaw

Among most Europeans and North Americans, the sexuality of Arab men is both provocative and forbidding. The fabricated glamour of Valentino's sheik was recognized long ago as idiotic, but the mythology of the wild and intensely masculine Bedouin and his insatiable sex drive still inflames Western fantasy, especially among gay men. Taking a well-calculated step toward supplanting this fantasy with tough realities, Arno Schmitt, an Islamologist based in Berlin, and Jehoeda Sofer, an Israeli journalist publishing in the Netherlands, have collected information from a variety of sources to give us a truer picture of male-male sexual relations in Moslem cultures.

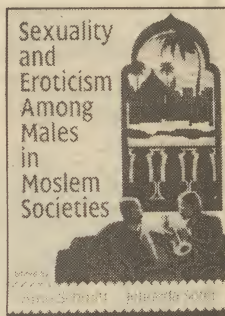
Intriguingly, one vital component of the fantasy turns out to be substantially true: Islamic male sexual capacity is generally prodigious, as is shown in many testimonies about frequent, instantaneous erections and repetitive performance. Most of the recounting comes from Moslems themselves and amply demonstrates resources and enthusiasm.

But how does their sexuality, their homosexuality, fit into their lives? How do they feel about it? What does it mean to them psychologically and socially? To answer such questions, Schmitt and Sofer first set the contexts. Geographically, the cultures involved stretch from Morocco eastward to Pakistan and Afghanistan, excluding sub-Saharan Africa and such enclaves as Malaysia. The included cultures share matching Semitic characteristics that other predominantly Moslem nations do not. Inherited culture is more important than shared religion.

Nevertheless, of course, the religion of Mohammed, as expressed through the Koran, exerts a profound influence on all conduct. On sexuality, this influence is mainly prohibitory, and its strength is made potent by fear. Sodomites are to be stoned to death or lashed bloody and/or banished. But that's only if they are caught in the act — and it usually takes as many as four witnesses to convict. Consequently, male-male sex is thought of as really wrong only if you are caught at it.

## Sexual Targets

Accommodation is highly



dependent on secrecy, plus a combination of intimidation and reward. Considering these latter two, it is not surprising that boys from about eight to approximately 16 are the most usual sexual targets. If the lad is pretty and beguiling, he might also become the object of the man's affections.

Sex between adult males is certainly not uncommon, but as with the youths, there is always a clear and undeveloped understanding of who is the fucker and who is the fuckee. Practically never are the roles reversed.

As a result, there is no equality in Islamic sexual activity. One dominates and the other submits. The preservation of this rigid, often brutal sexual machoism is the most important single element in Moslem male sexual practices because without it the adult male loses his manhood — and no worse fate could befall him. The fuckee is permanently branded, and often his family's reputation suffers.

But emigration to European cities and Western influence in Moslem nations are starting to change conduct and concepts. In Turkey there is even an incipient gay movement. Reversion to strict fundamentalism, most notably in Iran, means severe repression, however.

Nevertheless, differing views will surface, often within other contexts and expressed in the media of our time. For instance, the Tunisian film *Man of Ashes* (1986), which won plaudits at Cannes, examines and challenges Islamic machoism.

Perhaps in time, as ancient cultures find they must absorb modern influences somewhat, the socio-sexual fascism of macho subjugation will begin to break down. ▼

Fine and cute BM 5'9" 180lb with a bubble butt seeks a LM or WM who's gym-toned & needs a fuck buddy. 21-32yo only. EXT 4592

Got a boyfriend? Want an affair? Attr GWM 32 5'7" 140lbs own place healthy HIVpos sex only, no strings. EXT 4593

Thirsty jock wants your recycled beer any way he can get it. Serious tops only. EXT 4594

Calling all tops! Handsome slave/btm seeks hot daddy master types for very hot times, dom. Hung tops only! EXT 4595

Small endowed WM 5'9" 30 goodlooking wants to be bottom to 18 to 35. Also oral. Please reply. EXT 4596

Attractive WM loves to receive W/S from BM on call. EXT 7691

WM 49yrs 5'4" 125lbs healthy HIVpos 7' versatile, strong, caring carpenter/musician seeks lover, buddy, friend, WM, BM. EXT 4598

Fit 5'7"33/32 Levi, hot FFB beard, tats, deep throat, bondage, sling heavy duty session w/ power trip top fist. EXT 4599

GAM 28, 130lbs 5'4" seeks men 18-35 for frndshp. Seeks sincere & honest non-smoker, serious only pls. Thanks. EXT 4600

Like fast boats? Skng 18-20yo who would enjoy driving easygoing older man's modern twin engine cruiser around SF Bay. Stove, ref, hot/cold running water, TV. Prefer youthful energy & honesty. No sex required. EXT 4601

Cute 27yo GWM hairy legs & butt, HIV, seeks GBM/GLM hairy, hung. Into sucking, WS JO huge 'shroom heads. EXT 4602

GWM 34yo HIVpos br/bl 5'10" 160lbs, healthy. Many interests. Attrac. Sks same for fun & friendship. EXT 4603

Looking for select East Bay guys 18-30 for mutual JO. Let's have fun. EXT 4604

Looking for sex, dates or rel. w/ GM 35-50. I'm tall BM, 45 masc, gym-toned, bottom. EXT 4605

GWM 59 6'2" 198lbs HIV- N/S retired likes to travel & lead the good life. Ready to explore opening heart to love and be loved. You: 20-40 uncult HIV-open to friendship & hopefully much more. EXT 4606

GWM 35 5'10" 200lbs blonde hair blue eyes, bottom, seeks horny, masc Asian, Latino, Indian or Arab top man for good times. I give great oral sex & exlnt full body massage.EXT 4607

BVDs Jockeys white breifsl If these turn you on and you're young and in shape, let's get together and jerk off in our underwear. EXT4608

Scat bottom pig into all kinds FF WS videos. Let's parrry all night long. Couples welcome. EXT 4609

Dogs, your uncult dicks need attention. Lay back and enjoy service by 38yo blond green-eyes, mustache, HIV. EXT4610

GWM 38 6'3" 190lbs bl br HIV- athletic looking for fit fun masc mostly complete top any race (Latin a plus) over 35. EXT 4611

Handsome BM 5'11" 180lbs looking for masc handsome Asian, Hispanic men w/ round bubble butts who like to suck dick & have their butts played with. EXT4612

GAM 27yo smooth slender sks GWM under 35yo for romance, safe sex, sharing, good times together. EXT 4613

Handsome BM 32 5'11" 180lbs looking for masc. handsome intelligent BM who like to take their time making love. EXT4614

Weekend Pal. BM wants WM 18-24yo for fun. Must be clean, drug free. I'm 34. EXT 4616

Boy Toy. GWM youthful clear goodlooking, seeking big dicks to play with JO BJ licking, worship.EXT4617

Attr. intelligent 6'1" 170lbs healthy sexy attached GWM 35 seeks cute smart GWM GAM for fun. EXT 4618

Bury your face in my hairy ass. Looking to get extended rimmed and sucked Fuck a smooth bubble butt. Horny! EXT 4619

Tall handsome GBM sks tall GW top 30-55 for fun & good times. Me: vers, cute 6'4" 220lbs, youthful 50. EXT 4620

Are you my one & only? Black ex-marine, new to SF seeks uncult 55plus relationship-oriented man. EXT 4621

Beefy WM 35yo gdlking musc w/bubble butt seeks hunky str-acting BM/LM for hot sexual play (Bi/BB a plus). EXT 4624

GWM 40 bl/bl 6' seeks a young man's lust. EXT4625

Are you an attr. cncut Scandinavian type, HIV- 25-40 w/ 7' uncult top looking for an attr Ital Amer GM 35, 5'11" 180lbs 7' cut tool, to spend weekend excursions camping or driving along Highway 1? Let's explore each others desires. EXT 4626

New hot hunky stud in town. Masc WM 28 serious BB top, hung w/ 9 plus sks other masc WMBB and hardbodies. Would like to meet couple. Looking for hot safe action. No BS No fems. 4632

Dudes 18-20 into heavy metal or skateboarding or bodybuilding or super nes. Bisexual? Videos to watch! EXT 4633

Ready, willing and very able! Cute Filipino, 27 5'5" nice build, sks uncult, vers attr WM top 25-35, to be 'buddies.' EXT4634

GAM 26 HIV- 120lbs gym-toned seeks affectionate assertive top who enjoys life in/out of bed. I like many types but be smart, fun, want sex & more if it feels right. EXT 4635

E Bay GBM attrac, virile 60, 5'11" 172lbs seeks others, any race for friendship, companionship & fun. EXT 4636

Looking for 'horny masc/musc stud who loves to get his big dick sucked after his workouts, or in the morning. Me: very handsome Blk/Ital 27yo 5'10"180lbs gym-toned bod & a big 9' dick of my own. 21-35yo only please. Any race. EXT 4637

Middle Eastern, Italian in shape attractive? Then read on. I'm Dutch Amer. 37 5'8" 145lbs blue eyes, dark close beard, hairy intelligent, vers. Hot visibly & physically. 4638

Cocksucking with great stamina. Passive /active. Now you get great body. EXT 4639

Far North Bay Valley guy. Great looking very young 40 likes Verdi, Stones, Wagner, Dylan, Kurosawa, Capra, Fellini, food, dogs. Seeks same. EXT 4640

Show me the way. Inexperienced guy in mid-20s seeks GWM to show me the ropes. Please be cncut & easygoing. I'm 6'0" 150lbs & part Asian. EXT4641

Seeking expert oral mechanic with lots of experience to service my hot rod. Attracted to mature men 60 plus only. Me: WM married 44, 6' 170lbs cleancut looking clean trim body. EXT 4642

Attractive Latino looking for romantic intel tender man to date & who knows for a long lasting relationship. Race or color unimportant. EXT4643

Hung master 50 5'11" 180lbs & slave 36, both married & HIV- seek third top or bot. South Bay only your place. EXT 4644

GBM 6' 155 handsome top 9 plus seeks btm for good times in Hayward on a reg basis. I'm clean shaven smooth skin w/ flat stomach. Cum & get it. EXT 4645

Good man 40s warm heart, lively humor, intelligent, seeks somewhat younger, cheerful, enthusiastic man for hot nipple play, hotter kisses, oral action. HIVpos, smoker. EXT 4647

Mutual kisses, nipple work, oral delights. Blond 40s 5'9" 158 HIVpos seeks slightly younger bright playmate, once or forever. You won't regret it. Days OK. EXT4648

R there any cowboys left over from the Rodeo? Husky GWM BTM HIVpos goodlooking seeks tops who like to ride. Cum break this broncol EXT 4649

31yo GWM top sks Asians 25-35yo for fun, kisses, hot times, intimate evenings. No games. I'm honest, caring & affectionate. Try me. EXT 4650

Muscular hairy GWM 47yo looking 4 GAM 4 hot massage JO oral love on regular basis. NSND HIV- SF area. EXT 4651

BM seeking horny musc/masc stud 21-35yo to service on a reg. basis. Me:24yo 5'10" 180' 9' dick & a bubble butt. Call if horny. EXT 4652

Hypersensual daddy FFB sks topfist who 'sees' with his hands. Nonsighted top a plus, any age, race. Permanent top buddy very desirable. EXT 4656

Hot Asian wanted by Asian guy to svc your every sexual desire. Lite B&D, S&M to meet your expectations. HIV, no fats, fems. EXT4653

X-tight F-skins serviced by 50s GWM w/beard-stache, any size dick, any age, but UR slim to trim & Latino, Asian or White. My home. EXT4654

Youthful very attractive well-endowed & versatile 37yr man seeks Bi or Gay singles/couples for 3 ways. EXT 4655

Italian ex-football jock needs butt mounted & pumped on reg. basis. Call for description. All replies considered. EXT 4658

Hot boy cocksucker 24 6'1" 185lbs bl/bl, stocky, goodlooking, seeks coach/daddy to feed me his big uncult dick. Be well-blit, masc, cleancut, verbal. EXT 4539

Have a Happy Day! From the B.A.R.

## Glances

Berkeley YMCA - Sun 8/2 2:15pm. Had a great time. Wanna meet you outside of the showers. EXT 4627

Met you walking home from Cala on Hyde St. You- blond musc hot. Would love to talk to you again! EXT 4628

July 28 5:30 pm, quality tune-up center Walnut Creek. We said hello. Would like to meet you. EXT 4629

Oliveto - 7/2 7pm UR dark 6' khaki shorts exec type/ penetrating eyes. Let's meet! I was too shy. EXT 4630

Dirty laundry, Wed 7/22 - you dropped yours off while I parked & hurried off. Would like to see you smile again. EXT 4631

You ride a bike and work at CCU. I'm in hemo and going crazy over you. Let's meet and get to know each other. EXT 4646

S. Rosa, big E. escalator on 7/20. Our eyes met. We said hello 10 minutes later in the mall. This top would like to know you better! EXT.4573

# D.C in '93

National Gay/Lesbian March on Washington D.C April 1993



# This WEEK

## FRIDAY 14

### SOUND

Pansy Division, Tribe 8, Pre-Marital Sex Queer dyke funk rock jams. Go. \$4 10:30 pm, The Chameleon, 853 Valencia (bet 19th and 20th), SF. 821-1891.

### SHOW

**The Smell of Guilt** Religion, sex and violence served up under the razor pen of Lydia Lunch. Reopened after a successful run last spring, this short play slices through closet priests, castrating nurses and dark nasty guilt with a butcher's subtlety. Opens tonight, playing Fri. & Sat. thru 9/12 at 8 pm. \$7-10. Above Brainwash Theatre, 1126 Folsom/Langton SF. 863-7035.

### The Weekend

Tammy Day's romantic comedy about four funny rapier-wit women on an isolated island off the coast of Maine (On Golden Girl Pond?). 8 pm \$15. Opens tonight, runs thru 9/6. The Cowell Theatre, Fort Mason, Marina Blvd. at Buchanan, SF. 392-4400.

**One of These Days** What if Ralph Cramden and his buddy Norton's two sons were homos living in the Castro? The Honeymooners meet Queer Nation in this cartoon show written and performed by Jeff Thompson and Joseph Leonardi (with special drag segues). Polemical at times, but most of the gay parodies ring true. 8:30 pm. Thu-Sat thru 8/22. \$10. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th, SF. 861-5079.

### Metamorphosis

Dance/theatre dramatization of Franz Kafka's classic tale of a man who is transformed into a gigantic bug. 8:00, \$10-15. Wed - Sun thru 9/5. Climate Theatre 252 9th St, SF. 626-9196.

**Company** Man Mark Wilding's satire of business ethics versus the bottom line. 8:15 pm \$8. Thru 8/15 The Actor's Theatre, Luther Burbank Center for the Arts, 50 Mark West Springs Road, Santa Rosa (707) 523-4185

**Whatever Happened to B.B. Jane?** What? You haven't seen this madcap drag fest musical romp? But ya are, Blanche, ya are, since the show is closing 8/17 for a few weeks to return Sept 2. 8 p.m., Sun at 7 p.m., \$13-\$15. The Victoria Theatre, 2961 16th/SF. 863-7576.

**The Nerd** A wild modern farce written by the late Larry Shue. Thru 8/16. 8:30 p.m. (10th 3 p.m.) \$5. No res. Theater of the Blue Rose 2525 8th, Berkeley (Parker & Dwight) (510) 540-5037.

**West Side Story** Lenny, Steve and Jerome's classic tale of Polish and Spanish hoodlums dancing, killing and loving in the streets and at the gym. What this energetic student production may lack in technique will surely make up in spunk. Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun - 3 pm thru 8/23. \$14, 12, 8. Zellerbach Playhouse, UC Berkeley campus (across from Alumni House), Berkeley, tickets: (510) 642-9988. Info(510) 642-8276.

### MIX

**Life, Burn** Interactive blend of movement, painting and music with shintaidoist H.F. Ito, painter Kazu Yanagi, guitarist Henry Kaiser and other musicians. Thru 8/16. 8:00 pm, matinees Sun 2:00 pm. \$10 - \$12. Theatre of Yugen 2840 Mariposa, SF. 621-0507.

### MOVES

Charlie's Web Two dance pieces by Alix Mazuet, *What's Happening?* and *The White Ones*. Part of the Bread and Butter Series. Also Sat. 8:30 pm \$10. Dancer's Group/Footwork, 3221 22nd, SF. 824-5044.

## SATURDAY 15

### SHOW

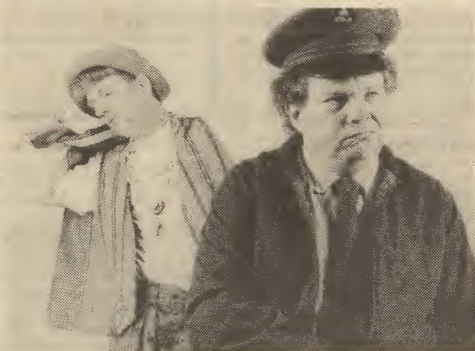
**Sex, Drugs and Apple Pie** Solo show by Dorothy Anton satirically slices up the '90s American dream. 8 pm. thru 8/15. \$10-12. The Hastings Studio Theatre, 450 Geary, SF. 775-8672.

### Psycho The Musical

Hitchcock a go-go. Singing dancing corpses back up Norman, his mysterious mom and various victims of shower cut ups. 8 p.m., matinees Sun 3 p.m. \$13-15. Thru 8/31. The On Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway, SF. 626-KILL.

### SCREEN

**Batman (the original)** Tim Burton may be the king of gothic lurk, but the original defines caped crusader camp, with Adam West, Burt Ward, Lee Merriweather (as Cat Woman), Burgess Meredith (a better penguin than Danny DeVito any day). Pow! Zap! \$5.50 2:15, 7:15, 9:25. Red Vic Movie House 1727 Haight (bet Cole & Schrader). 668-3994.



"One of These Days" at Theatre Rhinoceros (see Friday).



"The Smell of Guilt" at Above Brainwash Theatre (see Friday).

### VISUALS

**Fearless Gaze** Photographs by John B. Davis, who died of AIDS this year, are compelling self-portraits. 10-5, Mon-Sat. Thru 8/31. Footwork Studio 3221 22nd, SF. 824-5044.

### PARTY

Nivedita's party at Olive Oil's Catered by Sharon Hernandez with DJ Cyndy, this soir promises to be fun, with door proceeds benefitting Team San Francisco, Godfather Service Fund, and the production costs of the film *Last Call At Maude's*. 8 pm - 2 am. \$12. Olive Oil's at Pier 50 (off 3rd), SF. 495-3099.

### HIKE

**Rainbow Potluck Picnic and Hike on Mt. Tamalpais** Gay/Lesbian Sierrans see the sights with Hispanic, Filipino, Asian and Afro-American members of queer groups. Directions & details Jeff at 388-6419, or Stephanie at 824-7185.

### SALE

**Castro Lions Rummage Sale** Tons of neat stuff on sale. Proceeds benefit AEF, Larkin Street Youth Center and CMV eye care. Shopping is a feeling. 9 pm - 4 pm Church Street Station parking lot, Market at Church. Info: Bill: 346-9821.

### GROW

**AIDS Memorial Grove Volunteer Appreciation Day** A celebration of all the volunteers who have worked on the Grove, follows the work day. Location, volunteer and party info: 621-3260.

## SUNDAY 16

### SCREEN

**Video Poetics** An intersection of video and poetry, with works by Jenny Holzer, Jem Cohen, Dara Birnbaum, Steina Vasulka, Gary Hill, Daniel Reeves and others. \$4.50, 2:00 pm. Red Vic Movie House, 1727 Haight/Cole, SF. 695-2904.

### WORD

**Julia Hutton Good Sex** author discusses some fascinating conversations with women and men about what they do under, over, on, in, and near the sheets. Free. 7:30 pm, A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro, SF. 431-0891.

### VISUALS

**Samuel Roloff and Kevin Leeper** paintings, etching and video installation. Exhibit runs thru 9/6 Thurs. 5-8, Fri-Sat 1-5 pm. The Luggage Store (annex of 509 Cultural Center) 1007 Market/6th, SF. 255-5971.

### Anthony Michael

**Valentino** Ongoing exhibit of 'neo-grotesco' multimedia works by the late artist. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th/Market, SF. 861-7933.



Blues great Etta James

### SONG

**Etta James** One of the greatest living blues singers on this planet deigns to appear for local music fans. Friday & Saturday. 9 pm. \$18.50. The G American Music Hall 859 O'Farrell, SF. 885-0750 or BASS ticket outlets.

### EAT

**The Hunger Pains Project** Food for thought will be served through a month in multimedia art, performances and discussions about women, image and food. Opening reception, design and installation by Schuyler Pesci and Maraba. August 14 6-8 pm. Call (510) 832-7247. Benefit performance for night only Aug 15 at 8:30 pm with Trish Thomas, Bashezo, Nao Bustamante others \$5-\$100. 885-2003. Also a workshop for women on 'dismantling the price of self-image' Aug 22 (861-4821) and a symposium with speaker Dawn Atkins, crusader of the Santa Cruz anti-lookist legislation, Aug 29 (510) 832-7247. Divisadero Gallery, SF.

### FILM

**Gay Film Screenings and Classes** An 18 week series of screenings, discussions and guest lectures about sexuality in TV and film around the globe. Works in progress, documentaries, short student works and more, all hosted by Daniel Mangin. Screenings Wednesday 19 at 2:00 and 6:30 include *We've Been Framed* (lesbians in cinema), *Can't Take That Away From Me* (1968), *Crash* (bashing) and John Schlesinger's BBC drama *An Englishman Abroad*. 2:00 pm, Cloud Hall, Rm 247, CCSF Main Campus, 50 Phelan, SF & 6:30 pm, Evergreen Middle School, Rm 225, Church at 16th, SF. 239-3000 or 239-3383.

### WAKE

**Furious Funeral From Hell** A motorcade of mortality sweeps through the bay, commemorating the murderous Supreme Court and fatalities from death by hanger. If not a part of it, watching this WAI, WHAM, ACT UP Women's sponsored women-only wake and caravan through San Francisco will certainly be worthwhile. Participants will meet at the Safeway parking lot (Market/Church, SF) 9:30 am, Monday August 17. Caravan leaves 10:30 am. Bring a car, drape it in black, decorate it with black and white flowers. Wear black and white. Bring a coffin. Join angry women in mourning the death of Roe v. Wade and celebrating the new life of its survivors.



Holy homosubtext, Batman! We're at the Red Vic Movie House (see Saturday)



**GROUPS**  
**G40C** Club Maury Loomis presents a collection of TV programs of special interest to club members, 2 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin/Geary, SF. 552-1997.

**The Purity Test**  
 Bisexual Women's Group brings a self-discovery workshop together through games, 7:30 pm, Unitarian Church 505 E. Charleston, Palo Alto 493-0406.

**FAITH**  
**Dignity** Eucharist Celebration each Sunday at 5:30, Dolores Street Church, 208 Dolores/15th, SF. 255-9244.

**New Song Ministry** Gospel singing and worship each Sunday, 7 pm, The Church at 14th St. and Belcher. 550-0810.

**MCC San Francisco**  
 Morning worship at 9 and 11 am, gospel music service at 7 pm (sign interpreted). Coffee hour follows. 150 Eureka St., SF. 863-4434.

**SUPPORT**  
**Lavender Waves Retreat** Make plans now to join this 4th annual drug and alcohol-free weekend for Lesbians in recovery, with workshops, speakers and meetings, Oct. 8-11. Volunteer or register (discount before 9/1).  
 Lavender Waves, P.O. Box 662, Waldport, OR 97394 (503) 563-3569.

## MONDAY 17

**SHOW**  
**Gay Comedy Open Mike** 8 p.m. \$4. Gay & Lesbian comics sign up by phone by 7 p.m. Josie's Cabaret 3583 16th/Market, SF. 861-7933.

**The Marsh** Short 20 minute performance works. The Marsh, 968 Valencia near 21st, SF. 641-0235.

**Black and Multi-cultural Actors and Musicians sought**  
 The Bullins/Woodard Theatre Production Workshop wants your talents. Call: (510) 843-7519.

**A Brief History of Time** Directed by Errol Morris (*The Thin Blue Line*, *Gates of Heaven*), this documentary traces the life and work of genius physicist Stephen Hawking, whose book of the same title has sold millions worldwide. The director will be present at this Northern California premiere, 7:30 pm. \$8. Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant Ave. (off College), Berkeley. (510) 642-5249.

**SUPPORT**  
**Woman, Inc.** Service for battered women. Crisis intervention, hotline, information, advocacy, and emergency referrals to shelters. 333 Valencia, Suite 251, SF. 864-4777.

**Bi-Friendly Meetings** 7:30 pm. Second and fourth Monday of each month, meet at Vico Pizzeria, 473 University, Palo Alto. (415) 856-6901.

## TUESDAY 18

**SCREEN**  
**Women's Erotic Film Festival**  
 Shorts films and videos by women of various preferences. 7 & 9 pm. Also Wed at 1:00, 3:00, 5:00 & 9:00. Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th/Valencia, SF. 863-1087.

**VISUALS**  
**Por Amor de Frida**  
 A celebration of Frida Kahlo, the new posthumous bi-darling of the art world. Featuring photos by hubby Diego Rivera, the cozy gallery is also packed with sculptures and paintings by Mexican folk artists, from Day of the Dead dioramas to bright paintings and saintly figurines. Thru 8/30, Tues-Sat 11-7, Sun 12-5. Polanco Gallery, 242 Gough, SF. 252-5753.

**Brian Weil: The AIDS Photographs** Grainy delicate, incisive documentary portraits of PWAs, activists and others around the world. On its way through a national tour, until Sept. 8. Tues-Sun 11-6. The Ansel Adams Center, 250 Fourth St. Until Sept 8495-7242.

**The Abortion Project** SF stop on the national tour of an amazing collection of pro-choice works by Sue Coe, Kiki Smith, Nancy Spero, Barbara Kruger and many more. Thru 8/29. Tues-Sat 11-5 pm. New Langton Arts 1246 Folsom, SF. 626-5416.



Dennis Dun's "Dragon Dream" at the Asian American Theater (see Wednesday).

**Gay Men's Sketch** Male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling. 7 pm. \$12 1229 Folsom, SF. 621-6294.

**WORD**  
**Dagger: In Search of Butchness** Contributing writers sought for a butch dyke anthology of fiction, non-fiction, graphics and photos. Editrixes are Lily Braindrop (*Taste of Latex*) and Roxie of *Girljock* fame. Send SASE for guidelines today. Dagger P.O. Box 2587, Berkeley, CA 94702. Deadline 9/15/92.

**ACTION**  
**ACT UP Golden Gate**  
 Weekly general meeting. 539 Hayes bet. Laguna & Octavia, SF. 252-9200.

**FUN**  
**Folk Dancing** Gay and Lesbian folk dance group meets every Tues. in the Castro. Beginners welcome. Teaching: 7pm. Dancing 8-9 pm. Loc. & info: 585-9784.

## WEDNESDAY 19

**SOUND**  
**San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus**  
 A Little Night Music for choral fans. Also Thurs. 8 pm. \$15. The Great American Music Hall 859 O'Farrell, SF. 885-0750, or all BASS outlets.

**SHOW**  
**Dragon Dream**  
 'Boy meets dragon, boy loses dragon, boy finds dragon.' A solo piece based on actor Dennis Dun's journey to China to film Bertolucci's *The Last Emperor*. Played to packed houses at the '91 Solo Mio Festival. Wed-Sun thru 9/13. Asian American Theater, 403 Arguello, SF. 751-2600.

**Tom Ammann: Wrists II**  
 'A boy like that will eat your brother.' So saith Rita Moreno, and you'll do more than laugh at many other lines from the 'court jester of the gay community'. 8 p.m. \$10. Wed - Sun thru 8/16. Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th/Market, SF. 861-7933.

**Mark Peters and Madame**  
 That drag lag hag puppet is resurrected (minus the late Wayland Flowers, who ruled *Hollywood Squares* in his heyday) with comedy and music. Thru 9/5 9 pm and 10:45 pm. Blue Muse, 409 Gough/Hayes, SF. 626-7505.

**VISUALS**  
**A Fall From Grace**  
 The court of kings is brilliantly illuminated in Matty Gilreath's paintings, brightly colored and backlit, creating a cross between stained glass and bus posters. The subject is basketball players, their tragic rise and fall under the moral scrutiny of the media, each shot given a new context in the land of viral Magic. Thru 8/22 (best to view at night), Church Street Gallery/Just Desserts, 248 Church/Market, SF.

**Shooting Back;**  
 A Photographic View of Life by Homeless Children. Featured in Life magazine and curated by Jim Hubbard, this compelling series of images, made by homeless children, captures the hope and sorrow of impoverished children in America. Noon-7 pm, Tues-Thurs. noon-5 pm, Fri-Sun. Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission, SF. 431-6911.

**Several Exceptionally Good Recently Acquired Pictures** VI Seventy-five widely divergent photographs spanning the range of history from 1846 to 1992. Gilbert & George, Robert Adams, Eadward Muybridge and many more. Tues-Fri 10:30-5:30. Sat 11-5. Thru 9/12. The Fraenkel Gallery, 49 Geary, SF. 981-2661.

**Jerome Caja, Clancy Cavnar, Jenna Bates**  
 Group showing of decorative and unusual voodoo doll houses, recent paintings and Thailand art. Thru 8/16. Wed-Sun. noon - 6 pm. Art Lick Gallery, 4147 19th, SF. 621-5131.

**SUPPORT**  
**Adult Children of Alcoholics** Gay and Lesbian meetings each Wednesday 8 pm. MCC Room 104, 150 Eureka in the Castro, SF. 428-1048.

## THURSDAY 20

**SHOW**  
**M. Butterfly** Love, gender bending, wartime, racism, sexism, all based on a true story about a Japanese cross-dresser's love for a white man, written by Tony Award-winner David Henry Hwang. 8:00 pm, 7:30 and Sun. matinees. \$12 - \$22. Theatre Works, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts. 903-6000.

**SCREEN**  
**Beyond the Valley of the Dolls** Not as bad as the original; worse. Written by Russ Meyer & Roger Ebert, now paired with Gene Siskel. A busy trash fest. also Fri. 7:15, 9:30. Red Vic Movie House, 1727 Haight, SF. 668-3994.

**FUN**  
**Coming Home Hospice**  
 Bingo/Benefitting Hospice, PAWS and Godfather Service Fund. Haul out the good luck charms. Each Thurs. 7 pm. Basement of the Most Holy Redeemer Church, 100 Diamond/18th, SF. 824-4659.

**SUPPORT**  
**Rainbow's End** Youth group for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth 22 and under. 5:30-6 drop-in for newcomers, 6-7:30 meetings. 457-1115.

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## katherine

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about a strange dream in an East Indian restaurant in Memphis (The King's Tandoori), lang wowed with an almost hallucinogenic Indian sitar version of "Didn't I?" Memphis, Tennessee became Memphis, Egypt, and the angry lovers' feud amplified to the marital troubles of gods and goddesses.

A later circus-strange operatic rendition of "Big Boned Gal" was colorfully echoed by the lighting. As in other upbeat tunes, quick color changes mimicked the lyrical and musical shifts with a brash wit. Other times the lights were oddly unflattering, as in "Outside Myself." Pooled in cool blue, lang seemed almost ghostly, under ice, as she sang the lyrics "a thin ice covers my soul."

Fortunately, things later warmed up. Between songs, lang flirted amusingly with comments of love and romance to the laughs and swoons of fans.

"If you leave the theater feeling unfulfilled," she said, "remember, it's a human condition." She then broke into "Constant Craving," her latest single, replete with Ben

Mink's most jangly guitar solo.

Repeating her polished routine of coming out "as a L-L-L-Lawrence Welk Fan!" lang conducted a swirly rendition of "Miss Chatelaine," complete with blowing bubbles. "I loved that show. It changed my life," she confessed before waltzing around the stage popping bubbles. She also admitted loving Bobby and Sissy, the dancing couple from the show. "But I could never tell who was Bobbie and who was Sissy. Maybe that changed me more."

### National Treasure

Musically, the band is almost too talented, ready with smooth riffs that span bop, Southern and jazz influences while mostly reviving a big band respectability, especially in their extended solos during the third encore. Most outstanding were co-writer and producer Ben Mink's deft violin skill and Greg Leisz' alternately sweet and haunting steel guitar solos. While the touring ensemble was mostly comprised of the same musicians on *Ingenue* (with two female backup singers added), the torch song quality of the album shifted to a bolder sound live.

The gem of the evening



## Leap of Faith

ODC dancer supported by the Womens Philharmonic Orchestra at Stern Grove

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was, of course, lang's voice, a national treasure worthy of the Rockies. lang's vocals dip and swoon with endearing, occasional near yodels. Her voice is truly an instrument to fall in love with/by, and judging from the armfuls of flowers handed the beaming lang

by adoring female fans, more hearts were stolen again.

k.d. lang has proven her worth in surpassing comparisons as the reincarnation of Patsy Cline or the next Judy Garland. Unlike these tragic heroines of musical fame, lang can delve into the valleys

of blues and broken-hearted tragedy and still come up smiling. Hopefully her next appearances will ascend to a technical beauty that approaches her music (Carnegie Hall? The Hollywood Bowl?), if that is possible. Are you listening Warner Brothers? ▼

## Terror

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and cavalier scripting is that very little is at stake: if there's no foundation, nothing concrete, then one can hardly worry about the unfolding events. It's "all a dream" or "all a fantasy" or in all that character's head. One needn't fret over what happens, it can all be erased like a child's magic drawing book by pulling back the page. Ho hum.

For all its drawbacks *Cain* is an improvement over the disastrous *The Bonfire of the Vanities*. The giddy, flaunting, wiseguy tone salvages a lot. I'm not recommending it but I occasionally had a smile on my face.

### Dark Whispers

Before it collapses into benumbing silliness, Chris Crowe's *Whispers in the Dark* exemplifies some of the pitfalls and pleasures of thriller-genre narrative.

Ann (Annabella Sciorra) is a fledgling shrink whose patients' sex fantasies set the doc's pulse aflutter. No member of the American Psychiatric Association depicted in this movie ever does anything remotely ethical or, even more damning, savvy. When her clientele start committing suicide at an alarming rate, Ann gets antsy about the future of her practice.

She does shack up with an "unintelligent" type (as she confides to her daddy figure mentor Leo — the tedious Alan Alda). Her lover is a charter pilot named Doug (Jamey Sheridan) and Ann should thank her lucky stars that someone in her dysfunctional household constellation is capable of bringing home the bacon.

### B&D Hoedowns

We know Doug isn't the psychopath we're encouraged by the filmmakers to suspect he is because of the V-necked Hanes t-shirt he sports in the

clinch: maniacs devised by LaLa Land are never this square. When Ann discovers that Eve (Deborah Unger), her most nubile couch-clinger, is having kinky and torrid B&D hoedowns with Doug — in the janitor's closet at Tavern on the Green, well, hell hath no fury ....

Eve's a gallery owner (the decadent chic type) who even manages to give fellow patient John (who uses burning cigarettes and wire cutters on his female victims) a show and a reputation like Jean-Michel Basquiat's. When Eve's hanging, nude body is found by Ann, and John subsequently throws himself from Ann's rooftop, our heroine's career heads for the cellar.

All ends well though when a fishhook to the head, delivered by our very own Ann, puts an end to the murderer's path of destruction. Did I mention that she also throws a bottle of bad hooch at a police inspector, discusses her cases with anybody who will listen and yet is shocked by Eve's lesbian advances?

As in *Vertigo* (which also gave birth to *Final Analysis*, *Pacific Heights*, *A Kiss Before Dying*), the main character's deepest fears are used against her by the villains. After 30 minutes of following the action from Ann's point of view, when the POV finally switches to Eve's, albeit momentarily, the film generates some interest.

So many possibilities are set up, a delicious feeling of anything can happen erupts. Initially, we watch with anticipatory suspense and giddiness. But when unintentional hilarity and raucous improbability grab the wheel, *Whispers* veers off course and ends up a hopeless disaster.

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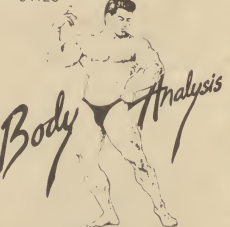
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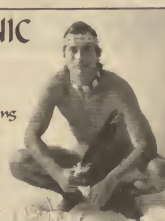
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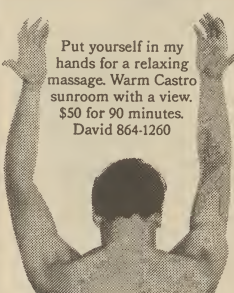
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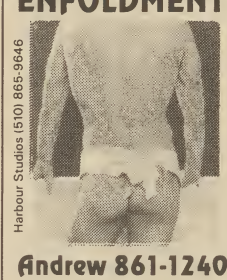
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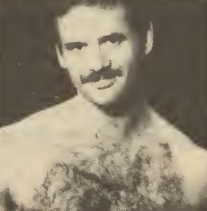


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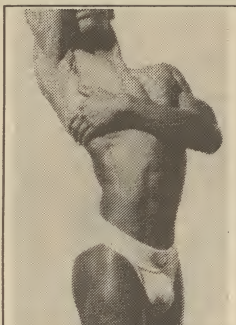
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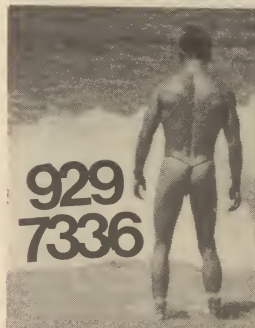
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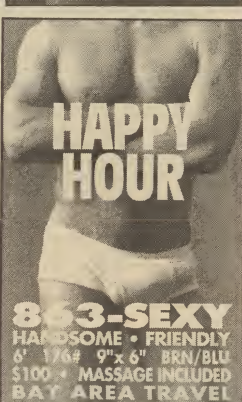
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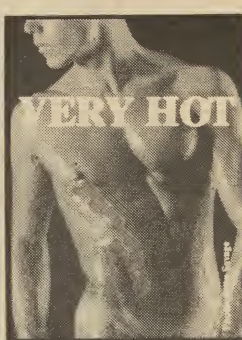
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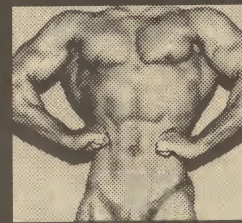
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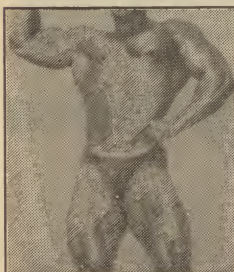
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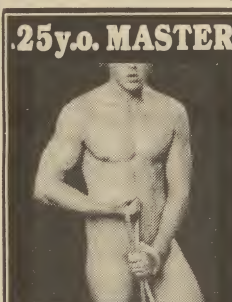
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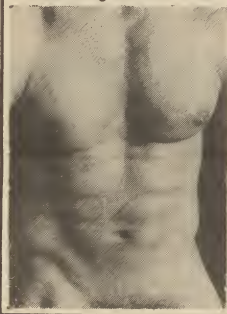


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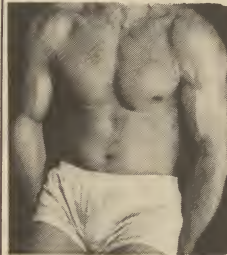
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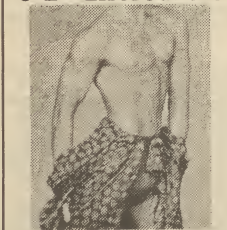
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Russian River title winners (l to r): Robert Ratliffe, Jr., Leather Daddy, Dawn McMaster, Ms. Russian River Leather and Larry Faust, Russian River Leather Daddy's Boy, chosen Saturday, Aug. 8.

(Photo: Mr. Marcus)

## Drummer Men and Cowboy Fun This Weekend

**Y**ou have two options for this weekend as we plunge lustily into the summer "games." If you stay in The City, it's the Northern California Drummer Boy contest at the Eagle on Friday night, Aug. 14, and Mr. Northern California Drummer on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 15, at Colossus, 1015 Folsom.

Member of the horsey set? The Redwood Empire Horsemen's Association (REHA) offer their Second Annual Western Weekend Friday through Sunday, Aug. 14-16, up at the RushRiv in both Guerneville and Monte Rio.

Cable Car Chapter Knights of Malta, producers of the Drummer events, refuse to divulge the names of the judges and, according to spokesperson Arthur Mainster: "Even the judges selected don't know who they're judging with. We prefer to keep the names of the judges a secret until they are introduced." They won't even divulge the name(s) of the emcee(s)! Despite this cloak of secrecy, there's no "leather curtain" on ducats. Tickets for Friday night (at 2000) are \$7 advance or \$8 at the door. Saturday (1500), it'll cost you \$12 advance or \$13 at the door. Available at all Mister S locations.

REHA's western weekend opens with a cocktail party Friday at the Rainbow Cattle Company (no time given), followed by entertainment, dinner specials and festivities at Molly Brown's.

Saturday, Aug. 15, entertainment and "activities" all day at Fife's with dancing beginning at 1200. At sunset, head for Friar Tuck's for a cocktail party hosted by Mr. SF Cowboy and Cowboy Western Store. Big hoedown

at Fife's follows (\$5 cover), featuring David Lyle Carver with raffles and prizes benefiting Sonoma County AIDS services. Sunday morning, eye-openers at the Rainbow, then pony it to Highland Dell Inn, Monte Rio, for a pool party and barbecue. Final event: T-dance at Club Ziggurat. And yes, Sonny Cline says you can park your horse outside the Rainbow. Sonny is, after all, a major, major size queen!

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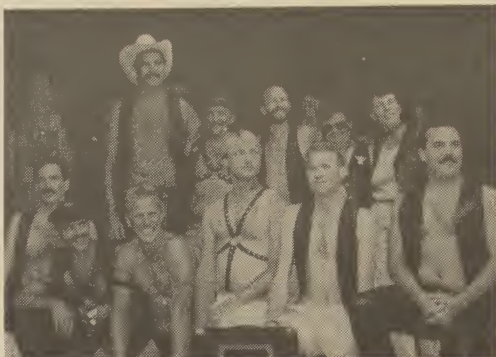
San Francisco isn't the only place where leathernecking is going on. Going to Dallas? Check out Dallas Fantasy '92. Billed as an "Outreach of Leather," it includes leather booths, seminars, demonstrations and a fantasy show with Sash Rash Stars participating. The whole thing will cost you \$35, and the host hotel is Bristol Suites (214) 233-7600. Need more info? Call Tammye Nash at (214) 520-2320. While you're there, be sure to visit

the Shades of Grey leather store!

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Olympiad XXV is over at last, and several of you have recommended that we nominate KRON-TV's Vernon Glenn ("Mr. Involvement") as Masochist of the Year for his 10-day, 10-event attempts at various local sports venues. The segments had a huge amount of humor, which helped offset the "Ugly American" antics of several individuals and teams in Barcelona. Are you too-through with the Dream Team and the volleyball brats? Shaving their heads! And they call us queer???

Whether Mr. Glenn did this voluntarily or not, it was a fun respite from all that American jock arrogance and proved that at least for American jocks, a cry-baby venue would definitely win gold medals. Thanks KRON, Jody Chase, Larry Chinofsky and Intern Scott.



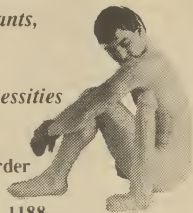
Eleven contestants vied for titles at Russian River Leather Weekend last Sat., Aug. 8. Terri Foster (second from right, rear), assumed the Ms. Russian River Leather title after winning Dawn McMaster stepped down.

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Managed to get up to Guerneville last Saturday, Aug. 8, for part of St. Clair Adams' version of Leather Weekend and the Russian River Leather Daddy, Daddy's Boy and the first Ms. Russian River Leather contests. The usual bucolic atmosphere and weather prevailed and close to 400 people sweltered under the sun at Fife's during the competition. Apparently the management of Fife's didn't anticipate the turnout and only one bartender was on duty until mid-way through the scene. The leather/crafts fair area was interesting with Leather Masters of San Jose offering some very interesting items. What a great innovative venue for Southbay toy buyers! David Carranza knows what he's doing!

From what I hear, the locals were not amused at a San Francisco event, starring San Franciscans and run by San Franciscans. Can it be that the Pacific Bears will take the event over next year?

Less than 40 minutes before the 1600 starting time, there was only one contestant signed up, but after IML. Blair made a call for contestants, there magically appeared six for Daddy's Boy (Dan Collins, Ken Boob, Richard Faust, Jerry Zweigle, David McGinnis and Shawn Heslin); three for Daddy (Larry Boger, Steven Miller and Robert Ratliffe, Jr.); and two women for Ms. Russian River Leather (Terri Foster and Dawn McMaster). Total: 11.

As emcees, IML Lenny Broberg and IML. Blair proved to be totally in command. There were questions from the four randomly selected judges (Graylin Thornton, Brent Martinelli, outgoing RRiv. Leather Daddy Rod Wood and the dynamite leather female top, Sita). Ms. Sita won hands down as the judge with the most probing, provocative and intense questions.

After two delightful musical interludes with the always welcome and soothing Terry Foster and import Vicki Shepherd, the tallies were counted. The results for the 1992 titles: Leather Daddy — Robert Ratliffe Jr., Daddy's Boy — Richard Faust and the first Ms. Russian River Leather — Dawn McMaster.

Some of you may remember Robert from his past involvement with the Mister S store here; Richard is a San Franciscan on the way up (Hi Wally!); and Dawn, who seems to be highly regarded in her community, is a proven workhorse with many admirers. Steve Miller was the runner-up for Daddy; Ken Boob was the runner-up for Boy; and Terri Foster the runner-up in the women's competition. I wish each of them the best during their reign.

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It was pretty laid back in the city last week. IML. Blair's "Fistful of Fantasies" fundraiser on Friday at the Eagle drew a decent crowd and nice accolades for emcees Frank Strona and our new leather daddy, Irwin Kane. They raised \$200.60 for the IML. fund. Good show. And no word on the Black Bandana party at the Watering Hole yet.

Nice turnout for the Cycle Runners MC beer bust at the



Vernon Glenn, KRON-TV's weekend sports anchor, also known as "Mr. Involvement," is quite possibly "Masochist of the Year" for his local Olympiad XXV efforts. (Photo: Courtesy of KRON-TV)

Eagle on Sunday. There were hordes of men and women on hand for the vittles, beer and soda. Bootblack VZ was doing a land-office business; hot men getting their boots shined — for free!

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Here's what's happening locally in the coming days:

**Weekend, Aug. 14-16:** Western Weekend II up at the Russian River in Guerneville and Monte Rio.

Outreach of Leather in Dallas all weekend, with almost 50 leather title holders doing their thing.

**Aug. 14-17:** Lone Star Saloon celebrates its anniversary all weekend with the Mr. Lone Star contest. This one will be fun. The winner will be announced on Monday night, Aug. 17. Sign up with any bartender, but do it today!

**Friday, Aug. 14:** Northern California Drummer Boy contest at the SF-Eagle. See above for details.

**Saturday, Aug. 15:** The 15 Association opens its doors from 2100 to 2300 for their S/M party tonight. Call 673-0452 for info and location.

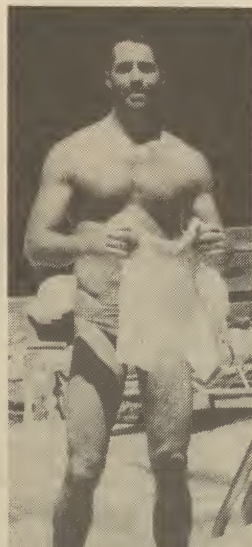
Mr. Northern California Drummer contest at Colossus at 1500 in the afternoon. See above for details.

**Sunday, Aug. 16:** SF GDIs' "Midsummer Madness"; check in at the Watering Hole between 1100 and 1230 for bike and buddy events, followed by a beer/soda bust at the Eagle from 1500 to 1800 with food. Only \$8.

**Monday, Aug. 17:** Prime Time night at the SF Jacks' weekly jerkathon. It involves prime numbers that I can't figure out. Be there. See the thing itself! Call 979-0537 for



Judges at the Russian River last Saturday, Aug. 8 (l to r): Brent Martinelli, Rod Wood, Graylin Thornton and Sita (Photo: Mr. Marcus)



IML Lenny Broberg took a dip in Fife's pool before emceeing the leather contest last Saturday, Aug. 8, in Guerneville. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)



Just one of the hot men at Leather Weekend in Guerneville last weekend at the Russian River (Photo: Mr. Marcus)





Pete and many others get their boots shined free at the Eagle every Sunday by the delightful "VZ." (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

details. Mandatory clothes check and doors are open from 1930 to 2030 only. Cost you \$6.

**Tuesday, Aug. 18:** Gay Men's Sketch Class with nude male figure. Drawing for all levels. That hot Jim Reuth is the model. 1229 Folsom, \$12 fee. Call 621-6294 to reserve your space.

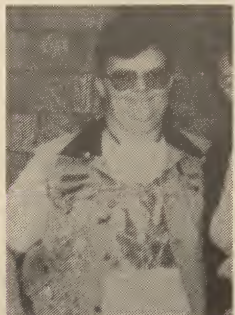
**Wednesday, Aug. 19:** Bondage Buddies party tonight in a fully equipped play space. Call 292-3228 for time, price and details.

Pacific Bears California LMC beer/soda bust at Headquarters Bar from 2000 to 2300. It's a DD Form 214 (Dept. of Defense/Discharge papers) party for two club members mustering out early. Beneficiary to be announced.

#### More Usual Suspects

Don't forget the Leather Daddy's Boy Contest takes place on Sunday, Sept. 6, 1500-1800, at the SF-Eagle. Application forms are now available from any bartender. Are you "boy" enough to hold the title? Surprise emcee! Don't miss this one. Sign up now! Benefits the AIDS Emergency Fund. After this event, there's only one gold medal up for grabs and our 1992/93 leather title holder roster will be complete!

Now it can be told. Yes, there is a Mrs. IML. Our Lenny is now spoken for; the



Runner-up Terri Foster assumed the Ms. Russian River Leather '92 title after winner Dawn McMaster vacated it.

(Photo: Mr. Marcus)

domestic partner's name is Gene Hubert. Lenny met him at the SF Gay Rodeo. Mr. Hubert is a resident of Southern California. More Ma Bell/U.S. Air expenses! Does Eric get the pick of the litter? Andy Anderson? Larry Arbo? Mark Frazier? Grant Dupont?

#### Party for 'Ole'

Please join the extended family of "Ole" Aranguren as they fulfill his personal request for a party in his memory on the SF-Eagle patio on Thursday, Aug. 13, 1900-2100.

#### STOP THE PRESSES

Late deadline change! The Ms. Russian River Leather title won by Dawn McMaster has been vacated due to "personal reasons"! Terri Foster is Ms. Russian River Leather 1992! Made it! ▼

## Sing Out, Louise

David Kapp of the Polk Rendezvous is again hosting the fabulous 49er games with many prizes, special drink prices and mainly a lot of fun, so remember that all 49er games will be shown and cheered on by the crowd at the Polk Rendezvous, with David at the helm. Also, welcome back to Dolly Dale after his long stay in Alabama where his mom, dad and brother were all unwell but are now recovering — missed you, Dolly.

You can find the popular Uncle Bert on the plank at the Hob Nob on Geary Street, Saturdays and Sundays, so do drop by and enjoy his humor.

Company on California Street now has new hours, every day from 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. with a great crew including Greta Grass. "Goldie" of Flossie's in Portland, yes it's true that I have a tape of you dancing and doing other things. It was nice to see you, Flossie, and Stephen on Sunday. Hope your trip to Phoenix was successful.

A nice guy still doing his thing at the "Q.T.2" on Polk Street — John Hyer — love your beautiful young clientele.

Happy birthday greetings to Greta Grass of Company and to Kenny Allison of the Kokpit on Saturday the 15th ... incidentally Steve Suss of the Embers/Avenue in Portland will be here on the 15th for a few days of ???

The Gate Restaurant and Bar is happy to announce its Grand Opening on Monday evening the 24th from 6 to 10 p.m. Reservations are requested — 885-2852. The dinners I have had there so far have been exceptional. Gilmore's at Hyde and California will be hosting the Tavern Guild meeting on Tuesday the 8th of September. There will be a vote on the amendment to open the Tavern Guild to everyone. Please members, get



Sweet Lips (standing) and Trixie at Lily's first anniversary party (Photo: Bradley)

out and vote on this issue. Of course, I shall be on the plank that day. Don't forget the Tavern Guild picnic the end of this month with both the Cinch Saloon and the Polk Rendezvous having buses. Check with them for space.

Richard and Mario of the Cinch Saloon say that they certainly enjoy the food at Friar Tuck's Restaurant and Bar in Guerneville when they're in the Russian River.

Just a reminder that Steve Rasher of Lily's has a birthday on Wednesday the 26th.

Bronzie De'Marco, Harlow and Co. have shows on Friday

and Saturdays at 10 p.m. and midnight at Kimo's Penthouse, and I understand they are quite good, so mark it down.

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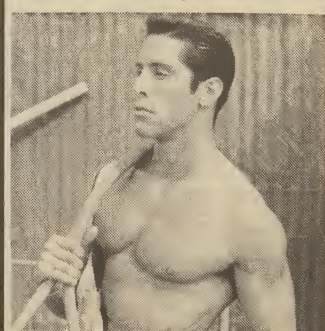
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## Theatre

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Lesbian playwright Claire Chafee's *Even Among These Rocks* will be one of 11 works represented at the 15th annual Bay Area Playwrights Festival, held at the Magic Theatre Aug. 8-24. Chafee, a sometimes San Franciscan, is currently in the MFA program in playwriting at Brown University.

*Rocks* is set in contemporary San Francisco (part of Chafee's impetus to write the play last fall was her home-

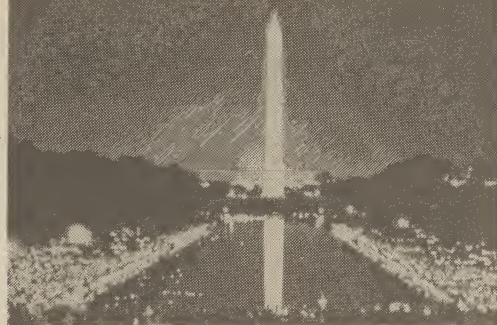
sickness for the Bay Area). The work revolves around a trio of lesbians who deal with the intricacies of love, death and isolation in an inimitably San Franciscan fashion. Chafee fills her work with the kinds of conversations she missed - those of both "options and ambiguity."

Staged presentations of *Even Among These Rocks* will be Friday, Aug. 14, and Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 8 p.m. at the Magic Theatre. Suggested donation is \$7. Call (415) 441-8822 for reservations and information. ▼



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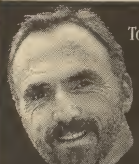
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